

The Regular Park Board Meeting of the Town of Schererville, Indiana, was called to order by President Brad Bassick, at 5:00 p.m. in the Schererville Town Hall, 10 East Joliet Street, Schererville, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance was taken with the following Board Members present: Brad Bassick, Ed Repay, Nicole Kelly, and Jen Wilson. Board Member not present: Joe Skvarek. Staff members present: Superintendent John Novacich, Assistant Superintendent Irene Mireles, Facilities Supervisor Karley Morris, Recreation Director Josh Barnes, Attorney Christian Bartholomew, Councilwoman Robin Arvanitis and Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling.

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for March 6, 2024

Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2024 meeting, seconded by Mr. Repay. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Approval of Donations

Mr. Novacich said the first donation was from the Crown Point Community Foundation in the amount of \$452.00. It is an annual distribution through the endowment.

Mr. Novacich also said that there supply donations from various businesses equal to \$450.00. Ms. Bohling stated the donations as follows:

Carribbean Pools & Spa	\$50.00
C & O Glow	\$100.00
Everyday Crafts	\$100.0
Hair Dressed Up	\$200.00

Mr. Repay made a motion to accept the donations as listed, seconded by Ms. Wilson. All in favor (4-0)

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Mr. Barnes discussed the events held in March, such as the Spring Fever Craft Show, Lucky Leprechaun Hut, Flashlight Egg Hut, and the Bunny Breakfasts.

Mr. Novacich said the Autumn Creek project made a lot a progress last month. He said the project should be done in May and a ribbon cutting could be scheduled in May, as well.

Mr. Novacich said he had a discussion with Joe Duncan about a disc golf tournament. It was determined that the tournament will be moved to the fall.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Any other from the Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Approval of Schererville Community Center Special Event Usage Request – RegionCon

Adrienne Brummet, from By the Board Games Entertainment and NWI Swarm Corporation, approached the Board to request usage of the Community Center for RegionCon, on April 13. Ms. Brummet said that she has partnered with Mr. Barnes on various events and programs in the past and there are plans for future, as well. Mr. Novacich reviewed what was discussed in the study session. He said that the fee structure for Community Center Rentals does not have an all-day fee. He also mentioned that the help that BTBG provides for the Department’s activities should be considered. Mr. Bassick said that the consensus at the study session was that the previously agreed upon reduced fee of \$800.00, plus \$600.00 for the security deposit, would be charged in exchange for the Park Board being listed as a sponsor for the event.

Mr. Repay made a motion, to accept the request from NWI Swarm Corporation for an event on April 13, 2024, at the Community Center. The Park Board will be sponsoring the event in the amount of \$1,160.00 and the fee charged to the renter is \$800.00, with a security deposit of \$600.00. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM B. Consider Approval of Redar Usage Request – DAV Walk

Town Manager Jim Gorman, St. John Township Trustee Cathy LaRue, and Steve Bramer, Commander of DAV in Hammond, approached the Board to request usage of Redar Park for a Veteran’s walk. Mr. Gorman said that the walk would be the same as last year, starting at the St. John Township War Memorial and ending at Redar Park.

Ms. LaRue said that this is the third annual DAV Walk and second one that will held in Schererville. She said that they want to return to Schererville because it starts at the St. John Township War Memorial and the DAV Walk is a township event.

Ms. Wilson made a motion to approve the DAV Walk at Redar Park on August 24, 2024. Mr. Repay seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM C. Consider Approval to Allow Beer and Wine to be served by Vendors at Designated Park Events

Mr. Novacich all the events are the same as previous years, except the NWI Symphony was removed.

The events were listed as follows:

Pokemon Party in the Park	May 24	Redar Park
Schererville Fest	June 5-9	Redar Park
Dino Day Party in the Park	June 21	Redar Park
Schererville Firework	June 28 & July 3 (Rain date)	Rohrman Park
Jack & Sally’s Party in the Park	July 12	Redar Park
Hocus Pocus Party in the Park	July 19	Redar Park
Corn Roast	July 26	Redar Park
Barbie on ICE Party in the Park	August 9	Redar Park
Potter’s Party in the Park	August 16	Redar Park
Evening under the Stars	August 23	Scherwood Park
Fiesta Party in the Park	September 6	Redar Park
Country-A-Fair	September 14	Redar Park

Ms. Kelly made a motion to accept the listed events to serve beer and wine at a Schererville Park, seconded by Ms. Wilson.

ITEM D. Consider Approval of Donation Request – St. Michael’s Education Foundation

Mr. Novacich explained that St. Michael’s was having a fundraising event, with a silent and live auction, and they requested a dog park membership and a park shelter rental to auction. Ms. Wilson asked if there should be date restrictions for the park shelter rental. Mr. Novacich said that it would have to be a date deemed available by staff. Mr. Bassick asked if there are any restrictions on the membership. Ms. Morris responded that all the same rules and regulations will apply to the winner. She said the only difference is that the winner would not be paying for the initial membership.

Ms. Kelly made motion to approve the donations to the St. Michael’s School, seconded by Ms. Wilson. All in favor (4-0)

ITEM E. Any other from the Park Board

Mr. Novacich asked if the motion of the DAV Walk included anything about a waiver of fees. Mr. Bassick said it did not.

Mr. Repay made a motion to waive all fees related to the DAV Walk on August 24, 2024. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

Mr. Repay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Wilson. All in favor (4-0).

Next Park Board meeting is on May 1, 2024 at 6pm.

NICOLE KELLY
PARK BOARD SECRETARY

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