

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, Tom Malinwoski, Ed Repay, Joe Skvarek, and Nicole Kelly. Staff members present: Superintendent John Novacich and Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling. Staff Members not present: Attorney Christian Bartholomew

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for April 5, 2023

Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Approval of Donations

Mr. Novacich said the \$200.00 donation from Jacob's Rugs was for the helicopter candy drop at the Hocus Pocus event.

Mr. Novacich also said that the \$600.00 donation from DLZ was for the Pennsy ribbon cutting ceremony, which was used to buy water bottles and other items

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the donations from Jason's Rugs and DLZ, seconded by Mr. Repay. All in favor (5-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

Ms. Bohling said community center rentals are up from this point last year, however the revenue brought in is down. She also said that picnic shelter rentals are up from last year, in both the amount of rentals and revenue brought in.

Mr. Novacich said the ribbon cutting for the Pennsy Trail was held last week. The DNR and local officials, as well as, a representative from Rails to Trails Conservancy were in attendance. He briefly discussed work that still needs to be done on the trail.

Mr. Novacich mentioned that the bike repair station has been installed by the police station.

Mr. Novacich also said that the Impact Fee Study was approved by the Planning Commission. The recommendation was to keep the fee the same, which is 95% of the fee could be. He told the Board that at the next meeting there will be a resolution for their approval on the agenda.

Mr. Novacich informed the Board about new lightning detector systems that were placed at Rohrman Park, Stephen Park, Redar Park, the Dog Park, and the Community Center.

Mr. Novacich said the softball tournament went well and the concession stand made \$5,600.00.

Attorney Christian Bartholomew arrived at 5:15pm.

ITEM A. Staff

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Safety Village Fee Waiver Request

Barb Toosley, Administrative Assistant for the Tri-Town Safety Village, approached the Board to request a fee waiver for their car show event on July 15.

Mr. Malinowski made a motion to waive the fee for the event, seconded by Ms. Kelly. All in favor (5-0)

ITEM B. Any other from the Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider Approval of Park Special Event Request – Logan’s Love

Ms. Bohling informed the Board a representative for Logan’s Love has not arrived. She said that they want to use the park in front of the Community Center for their vendors, the walk will take place on the path around the park, and they were also requesting Community Center Room A. Attorney Christian Bartholomew said there is a request for a fee waiver, but they are not a 501c3 so they will not be eligible for a waiver. Mr. Repay stated the request says they are not currently a 501c3, but they are working on paperwork for it. Mr. Repay asked what the fee would be. Ms. Bohling said if they were to rent the room it would be \$414.00, with \$200.00 of that being the security deposit that would be returned. The Special Event Fee is \$540.00, so after the security deposit is returned the cost would be \$754.00. A discussion amongst the Board in reference to waiving the fee for Room A took place, with one member being for waiving the room fee and another against it. Georgianne Glavas, from 1727 Chelsea, in Schererville, arrived at 5:35pm, on behalf of the Logan’s Love event. Ms. Kelly asked Ms. Glavas how the room would be used. Ms. Glavas said that it most likely would not even be used, but would have it as a backup in case it rains. After a brief discussion the Board decided to waive the special event fee, however should Ms. Glavas choose to rent a room, the room fees will not be waived.

Mr. Repay made a motion approve the Logan’s Love event on August 27, 2023 and to waive the special event fee. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM B. Consider Approval of Park Special Event Request – Driftwood Collective

Jeff Zielinski, from Driftwood Collective, approached the Board about an annual fundraiser event. Mr. Zielinski said this will be the 7th year for this event at the Schererville Skate Board Park. He informed the Board that the event would be the same as the previous years.

Mr. Repay made a motion to approve the event and the fee waiver, seconded by Ms. Kelly. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM C. Consider Approval of Park Special Event Request – Town of Schererville

Town Manager Jim Gorman, approached the Board on behalf of the Disabled American Veterans Foundation, to request the use of Redar Park for a 5K walk. Mr. Gorman said he was approached by the DAV Foundation about the Town of Schererville hosting an event to raise funds for disabled American veterans. He said the police chief came up with the path and location. Participants will register/check-in at the Veteran’s Memorial in front of the police station. The walking path will take them to Redar Park and do a couple laps around the park.

Mr. Gorman said the walk will take place on Saturday, August 26, 2023. He also informed the Board that there is also a request to waive the fees.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the request from the Town of Schererville for the DAV Foundation walk and waive all fees. Mr. Repay seconded the motion. All in favor (5-0).

ITEM D. Any other from Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

The Board discussed the next meeting date. They agreed on July 5, at 5pm.

Mr. Repay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (5-0).

Next Park Board meeting will be held on July 5, 2023, at 5pm.

TOM MALINOWSKI
PARK BOARD SECRETARY

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