

TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE
REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING

SCHERERVILLE, IN
AUGUST 2, 2023

The Regular Park Board Meeting of the Town of Schererville, Indiana, was called to order by Vice President Ed Repay, at 6:00 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: , Ed Repay, Tom Malinowski, Joe Skvarek, and Nicole Kelly. Staff members present: Superintendent John Novacich, Assistant Superintendent Irene Mireles, Attorney Christian Bartholomew, Recording Secretary Kristen Bohling and Councilwoman Robin Arvanitis. Board Members not present: Brad Bassick

THEREUPON, Approval of minutes for July 5, 2023

Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mr. Skvarek. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Approval of Monetary Donations

Mr. Novacich said there were four monetary donations. Ultimate Salon's of \$50.00 and Impulso Wood Fire Pizza's donation of \$200.00 were both for Hocus Pocus Party in the Park.

The other donations were for park benches. Jean Smith donated \$2,300.00 for a bench at Scherewood Park and Annette Gordon donated 1700.00 for a bench at Junction Avenue parking on the Pennsy Trail.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve all monetary donations, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Approval of Candy Donations

Mr. Novacich said the candy donations are for the Hocus Pocus Helicopter Candy Drop.

Mr. Skvarek made a motion to approve the candy donations, seconded by Ms. Kelly. All in favor (4-0).

THEREUPON, Correspondence NONE

THEREUPON, Reports

ITEM A. Staff

Mr. Novacich said he and Ms. Mireles are in the process of closing out the Next Levels Trails Grant. The financial claims were submitted to DNR for review and a final walkthrough with Milestone and DLZ go over final punch list items is scheduled.

The playground at Trace Park was installed and the pour-in-place was finished. All that is left is the landscape restoration

Mr. Novacich said he looked into what to do with the pad at Autumn Creek. He mentioned possibly putting pour-in-place surface.

Ms. Mireles said the Safety Village Car Show was cancelled due to the weather and has been rescheduled.

Ms. Mireles discussed the expenses and revenue for the NSA Girls World Series.

Ms. Mireles said the Schererville Chamber of Commerce had to cancel the Corn Roast due to the heat advisory. The Parks Department and the Chamber have planned to combine the Corn Roast with the Park Country-a-Fair Event on September 16.

Ms. Bohling briefly went over Community Center and Picnic Shelter Rentals.

THEREUPON, Old Business

ITEM A. Any other from Park Board

Ms. Kelly brought up the possibility of putting some sort of shelters at the Splash Pad. Mr. Novacich said he can look into options if the Board so chooses.

Ms. Kelly asked Councilwoman Arvanitis if the Town Council and Park Board could discuss a joint meeting soon, since the survey for the Illiana Property is ending soon. Ms. Arvanitis said the Council will reach out the Board.

Mr. Malinowski said he was put in touch with Megan Gooden from the South Shore Convention Center regarding Illiana. He said she had some ideas about the property. He said her and her team are willing to come speak with the Board about ideas and asked the Board if they were willing to meet with them. The Board agreed that meeting with Ms. Gooden would be a possibility after the survey results come in.

THEREUPON, New Business

ITEM A. Consider One Year Extension of Fireworks Agreement

Mr. Novacich presented the one year extension to the Mad Bomber agreement for next year's firework show to the Board. He said the agreement is the same as this year's with the same cost.

Ms. Kelly made a motion to extend the agreement with Mad Bomber. Mr. Skvarek seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0).

ITEM B. Any other from Park Board NONE

THEREUPON, Business from the floor NONE

Mr. Skvarek said he is not available for the next meeting on September 6 and suggested other possible dates. After some discussion, Mr. Novacich asked Ms. Bohling to send an email to the Board for dates.

Next Park Board meeting is to be determined.

TOM MALINOWSKI
PARK BOARD SECRETARY

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