



Tuscora Park Board Meeting August 16th, 2023

Meeting called to order @ 12 Noon by Park Board President Jan McInturf

Members In Attendance: Tom Farbizo, Denver Gallentine, Jan McInturf, Bill Morgan, Jim Range, Courtney Shalosky, & Phil Tidrick

Excused Absence: Dave Frantz

Guests: Park Director Rod Miller & Councilman Mitch Pace

Approval of July, 2023 Park Board Minutes

Motion / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Denver Gallentine

Vote / Unanimous, 6-0

Mayor's Report: No report for July.

Park Director's Report: Director Miller reported that he & the Park staff are preparing for the end of the summer season. Mr. Miller also said that it's been a good season at Tuscora Park, with the biggest challenge being hiring & keeping employees.

Tuscora Park Foundation Report: Jan McInturf updated the Park Board that a Fall BBQ will be held October 15th from 11am to 1pm, with the funds raised going to benefit Park rides.

New Philadelphia City Councilman Mitch Pace reported that recent monetary donations collected were being used for continuing improvements to the baseball and softball fields.

Old Business: Installation of new fencing and a new scoreboard at the varsity baseball field (a.k.a., Field 1) at Tuscora Park will take place in late summer/early fall.

A Pickleball tournament will be held at Tuscora Park on Labor Day. Organizers have agreed to make a donation to the maintenance fund for the pickleball courts, for being allowed to use the courts for the tournament.

A report from New Philadelphia Service Director Ron McAbier let the Park Board know that plans for refurbishing the restrooms, adjacent to pickleball courts, were on hold. Director McAbier is working to get cooperation from the engineer's office in order to get the project started.

New Business: Mitch Pace said that there may be possible buyers for the batting cages at Tuscora Park, which are going to be removed.

Jim Range suggested using the room adjacent to Park Director Miller's office area as a dedicated space for all future Park Board meetings.

Rod Miller reported that the NPYSA's (New Philadelphia Youth Soccer Association) progress on the Southside Community Park's additional soccer fields has been limited.

Park Director Miller also said that improvements at the Skate Park in Waterworks Park, funded by a \$16,000 grant from Nature Works, were now complete. Miller also mentioned that he had been contacted by a private citizen who was interested in possibly doing a fundraiser for the Skate Park.

Plans are also in place at Waterworks to install guardrail posts at Field 7 to assist in preventing people from driving onto & doing damage to the field.

The city is also working with a group who is fundraising to assist with other possible improvements to the baseball and softball fields at Waterworks.

Motion to Adjourn

1st / Courtney Shalosky

2nd / Phil Tidrick

Vote / Unanimous, 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 12: 39pm

Minutes submitted by Bill Morgan / Phil Tidrick