



## **Tuscora Park Board Meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Meeting called to order by Board President Jan McInturf at 12:00 pm

Members In Attendance: Kelly Ricklic, Phil Tidrick, Jim Range, Courtney Shalosky, Tom Farbizo, Todd McMath

Excused Absences: Bill Morgan

Guests: Mayor Joel Day, Service Director Ron McAbier, Park Supt. Rod Miller, Councilman Mitch Pace, Alex Hillyer, Greg Rees

Approval of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes:

1<sup>st</sup>: Tom Farbizo

2<sup>nd</sup>: Courtney Shalosky

The motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Day told the board that a representative from Senator Sherrod Brown's office has informed him that the Federal funding the City has requested for Phase II of the Southside Community Park is still under consideration.

Mayor Day also reported that the police department is investigating break-ins at the Tuscora Park concession stand.

Park Director's Report:

Rod Miller said that park crews will begin work to open the pool next week to get it ready for the summer season. He also told the board that Southside Community Park has gotten lots of water with the recent rains. Adam Fulton will become the new park superintendent upon Mr. Miller's retirement on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Tuscora Park Foundation:

Mitch Pace provided an update on the Trout Derby, which will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The fish will be released on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He said that sponsor banners will be hung along the boardwalk, many nice items have been donated for prizes, and food trucks and a fish cleaning station will be on hand that day.

Old Business:

Mitch Pace reported on the continued improvements at Field 2. He also told the board that a Texas Roadhouse dine-to-donate fundraiser will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the field turf at Field 1. 10% of proceeds will go toward the fund. \$27,500 was received from the Reeves Foundation for the dugouts at Waterworks.

Mrs. Preston Cornell gave an update on the progress of fundraising for new inclusive playground equipment at Tuscora Park. The Ruth Carlson Foundation has donated \$5,000 toward the project and a bank account has been created to house the funds.

New Business:

Alex Hillyer made a proposal to the board to put tilapia in the park pond to help control algae and weeds. If approved, he would introduce the tilapia each spring and anglers would be able to harvest the fish from September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>, as tilapia would not survive the winter. Funding would potentially come from the money raised through the duck feeding program. The Park Board approved a motion to allow putting tilapia in the park pond for algae control.

RTY:

Greg Rees spoke to the board about the summer activities planned for the park amphitheater and gazebo. 16 events are scheduled for the amphitheater and Wednesday concerts are planned for the Tuscora Park Boardwalk. Sam Hitchcock will be running the events (at no salary). RTY would also like to hold movie nights at the amphitheater this summer.

Turf Tuscora Diamond asked the board for permission to use the supports from the old baseball scoreboard to create a progress board to show fundraising/project updates.

Motion for use of old scoreboard supports for progress board:

1<sup>st</sup>: Tom Farbizo

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jan McInturf

The motion carried.

The Motion to Adjourn:

1<sup>st</sup>: Tom Farbizo

2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Range

~ Meeting minutes submitted by Phil Tidrick