



## **Tuscora Park Board Meeting December 16, 2020**

Meeting Called to Order: 12:12pm

Members in Attendance: Mike Ernest, Phil Tidrick, Dave Frantz, Tom Farbizo, and Bill Morgan

Excused: Jan McInturf, Courtney Shalosky

Guests: Mayor Day, Park Director Miller, Asst. Park Director Hostetler, and Denver Gallentine ( NP School Board representative )

Approval of November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

1st / Dave Frantz

2nd / Tom Farbizo

Vote: Unanimous, 5 - 0

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Day reported that he and Service Director Ron McAbier were working with OMEGA on grant funding for expansion of the bike trail within the city.

Park Director's Report:

Director Rod Miller said that Storybook Lane was up and running and that there would not be a Christmas In the Park event for 2020, due to Covid-19 concerns.

Director Miller also reported that there had been \$15,000 to \$20,000 worth of water and termite damage to the Train Station / Ticket Booth at Tuscora Park. The city is discussing needed repairs with Gor-Con.

#### Tuscora Park Foundation:

Mike Ernest said that the Tuscora Park Foundation hoped to resume fundraising in 2021. Ernest also reported a potential May 2021 opening of the Southside Park expansion.

#### Old Business:

Tom Farbizo said that planning was continuing for the repair of the two basketball courts at Tuscora Park and the one basketball court on the South Side.

Farbizo will be applying to the Rosenberry Foundation and Reeves Foundation for funding of improvements to the three courts.

#### New Business:

Park Board president Mike Ernest is resigning from the Park Board, effective immediately because of responsibilities and regulations with his new position as Tuscarawas County Common Pleas Court judge.

The New Phila / Dover Kiwanis group wants to donate \$5,000 to the Park Board and an extended discussion was held on the best ways to utilize that money. They had many different ideas on how that money could be used; Their ideas were to use it towards a new piece of playground equipment, or to make improvements to the Boat Ramp area at Waterworks Park, add a Park Bench at Tuscora Park, or to create appropriate signage within Tuscora Park to recognize substantial donors.

RTY is asking the Park Board to withhold the \$10,000 the Board had planned to use for basketball court repairs and instead, possibly use it to help RTY's funding for Park activities after a slow revenue summer in 2020.

#### Motion for Adjournment:

1st / Phil Tidrick

2nd / Bill Morgan

Vote: Unanimous, 5 – 0

Meeting Adjourned: 12:59pm

Minutes Submitted By: Bill Morgan