



Tuscora Park Board Meeting December 15th, 2021

Meeting Called To Order: 12 Noon by Board Vice-President Jim Range

In Attendance: Jim Range, Phil Tidrick, Courtney Shalosky, Bill Morgan, & Tom Farbizo

Excused: Jan McInturf, Dave Frantz, Denver Gallentine

Guests: Mayor Joel Day, Park Director Rod Miller, Service Director Ron McAbier, Asst. Park Director Chase Hostetler, Jordyn Starkey - Park Place Youth Center, Mitch Pace

Approval of November 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Courtney Shalosky

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Day said Ferris Wheel repairs are nearing completion and the overall cost to finish the repairs has increased from \$238,000 to \$250,000. The Mayor also said some preliminary discussion has been held regarding the possible removal of the batting cages and replacing them with additional kiddie rides.

Park Director's Report:

Director Rod Miller said the annual Christmas In The Park event will be held Sunday, December 19th. Director Miller also said repairs were being made to both of the Gator vehicles utilized in Tuscora Park, the one owned by the Park and the other owned by the New Philadelphia School District.

Dir. Miller said there would be no flush toilets available until after winter at the South Side Community Park's Dog Park and that a Port-A-John unit may be installed there as a temporary replacement.

At the conclusion of Director Miller's report, an extended discussion was held focusing on the Dog Park at the SSCP. Concern was expressed about the winter weather (snow, ice, melting snow and ice, etc.) having a negative effect on the grounds inside the park.

A motion was made to close to the Dog Park for the months of January and February, 2022 with a re-opening in March of 2022 - weather permitting.

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2nd / Phil Tidrick

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Park Place Youth Center:

Director Jordyn Starkey said the Center's activities throughout December would be Christmas related. Dir. Starkey also said she was looking for volunteers to help at the Center.

Tuscora Park Foundation:

The TPF will hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, February 19th. Tickets will be \$5 each.

Old Business:

Tom Farbizo said planning work continues on the Tribute Wall (honoring donors and contributors) for Tuscora Park. Farbizo said there are 2 possible locations under consideration.

Fundraising continues for the Pickleball Court project at Tuscora Park. \$57,000 has already been raised, with the probable need for \$100,000 more.

The New Phila-Dover Kiwanis remain interested in donating playground equipment, but would prefer that it be at Tuscora Park as opposed to the earlier mentioned Bank Street location.

Work has begun on the Park Bench project near the Carousel at Tuscora Park (being donated by the New Philadelphia High School Class of 1973).

The Tuscarawas County Public Library has confirmed Sunday, April 24th, 2022 as the date for their Earth Day & 5K Run event at South Side Community Park.

No counter proposal has yet been received from the New Philadelphia Youth Soccer Association for a proposal that they initially offered to the Park Board, which the Board asked them to reassess.

New Business:

Mitch Pace updated the Board that New Philadelphia Youth Baseball had made improvements and will continue to do so to Field # 2 on the hill.

Motion For Adjournment:

1st / Courtney Shalosky

2nd / Bill Morgan

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 1 p.m.

~Meeting Minutes submitted by Bill Morgan