



Tuscora Park Board Meeting January 19th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Vice-President Jim Range.

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

Excused: Bill Morgan, Dave Frantz

Guests: Mayor Joel Day, Rod Miller, Ron McAbier, Mitch Pace, JJ Boroski, Jordyn Starkey

Approval of December 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Courtney Shalosky

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Day reported that plans are underway for a wireless network to be installed downtown this year, building from the Horizon fiber optic network already in place. The network will provide wireless internet service to both Tuscora Park and the stadium. Dredging at the park and lagoon ponds is complete. The Mayor said that Alec Hillyer will continue to work on a long-term solution for the algae at the park pond.

Park Director's Report:

Park Director Rod Miller said the annual Christmas in the Park event was a big success. \$1,800 in proceeds from hot dog sales at Christmas in the Park has been donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Jan McInturf also donated a smokeless fireplace valued at \$3,000 to the Tuscora Park Foundation.

Miller reported that damage to Storybook Lane was totaled at around \$3,000. The court case for the vandalism is headed to the grand jury.

Park Place Youth Center:

Director Jordyn Starkey said that STEAM Centers will be holding pop-up museums every Thursday this month. Entry will be \$2.00. She is also working to have dance programs at the youth center in the future.

Tuscora Park Foundation:

The Tuscora Park Foundation pancake breakfast will be held Saturday, February 19th from 7-11am. Tickets will be \$5 each. All money for the tickets should be turned in by the February 16th Park Board meeting.

\$82,140 has been raised of the \$220,485 needed for the construction of the four pickleball courts. Mayor Day is working to apply for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant to help with funding. Applications have also been submitted to area foundations for donations.

RTY:

JJ Boroski reported that work on the Ferris Wheel is almost complete, with lighting and painting remaining. Over \$200,000 has been raised for the project. The Starfighter ride has been dismantled and repainted. Donations will cover the costs of the repairs. All rides should be operational come spring.

The organization is looking into the possibility of removing the batting cages and replacing them with new kiddie rides.

Boroski said that RTY has found a potential candidate for Colleen Hostetler's position. The candidate, Casey Hanlon, is a New Philadelphia resident.

RTY is reporting approximately a \$31,000 in profit for 2021. Boroski said that plans for the 2022 budget include around \$25,000 in increased wages for workers. They also plan to bring a proposal for price increases for food, etc. at Tuscora Park to the Park Board for approval.

Old Business:

Preliminary drawings for the Tribute wall honoring donors and contributors will be presented at the February Park Board meeting.

Jim Range made a motion to have no names/signs placed on the park bench being donated by NPHS Class of 1973. The motion was seconded by Courtney Shalosky. Motion passed unanimously.

Service Director Ron McAber reported that \$80,000 is still owed for completed projects at the Southside Community Park.

The New Phila-Dover Kiwanis club project to donate playground equipment is on hold.

New Business:

The New Philadelphia Youth Soccer association is scheduled to attend the February meeting.

A new group lead by Kelly Ricklic is looking to renovate the high school baseball field with new turf, scoreboard, and dugouts.

Signage guidelines for the baseball/softball fields will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion For Adjournment:

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Phil Tidrick

Meeting Adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

The next meeting will be held February 16, 2022.

~Meeting Minutes submitted by Phil Tidrick