



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

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

Members Present: Tom Farbizo, Jan McInturf, Jim Range, Phil Tidrick, Courtney Shalosky, Kelly Ricklic

Excused Absences: Bill Morgan

Guests: Mayor Joel Day, Ron McAbier, Lacey Herbert-Stephen, Tim Fortney, Mitch Pace, Preston Cornell, Nathan Kamban

Approval of the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Meeting Minutes:

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: Phil Tidrick

Motion carried.

Guest Lacey Herbert-Stephen presented the proofs of the communication boards to be installed at Tuscora Park. Installation will take place when the weather permits.

Preston Cornell presented cost estimates and drawings for proposed inclusive playground equipment at Tuscora Park. The playground equipment would be able to be used by all children, including those with special needs. \$200,000 - \$250,000 of the cost would be donated by Greg Goodie.

Nathan Kamban, Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent, requested board approval to install adult changing tables at Tuscora Park. The changing tables and signage would be paid for through approximately \$20,000 in grant funding through Tusc BDD.

Motion for approval of adult changing tables:

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

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kelly Ricklic

Motion passed.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Day received an email request from the Tuscarawas County Public Library requesting permission to install a Little Free Library cabinet near the StoryWalk in the pollinator garden at Southside Community Park. Resident Ben Foster had reached out to the library offering to build and install the cabinet at no cost to the library or the city.

Motion to approve the Little Free Library:

1<sup>st</sup>: Kelly Ricklic

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

Motion Passed.

Park Director Report:

Director Rod Miller reported that park crews are working on general cleanup. Efforts to find the source of the leak in the diving tank at Tuscora Park have been unsuccessful so far.

RTY Update:

RTY received \$180,000 from the Reeves Foundation for repairs to the Ferris wheel.

The mini-Ferris wheel kiddie ride has been delivered. RTY plans to acquire three more kiddie rides to install at the park.

Tuscora Park Foundation:

45 Christmas ornaments were sold at Christmas in the Park. The foundation's next Pancake Breakfast will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The foundation has suggested holding a Pickleball Tournament to raise money for maintenance of the courts.

Old Business:

Mitch Pace provided an update on the progress being made at the baseball fields:

- Fencing at Fields 1 & 2 will be going up in two weeks, weather permitting. The new scoreboard at Field 1 has been installed.
- At Waterworks, a 16x24 shed is being installed for concessions and storage. The foul poles are in, and fence caps have been delivered.
- A "Turf to Play" fundraiser to sponsor pieces of turf will be held to help pay for infield turf installation.
- The cost for scoreboard advertisements is \$1,200 for signs below video board and \$1,500 for video board advertisements.
- VFW Post 1445 has donated \$40,000 toward Field 1 renovations.

Kudos to Mitch Pace, Tom Farbizo, and Kelly Ricklic for all of their hard work.

Renovations to the restrooms by the tennis and pickleball courts continue. The inside is nearly completed, and the outside will be finished in the spring.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual trout derby will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, with the trout dump taking place on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Three food trucks are planned for the event and \$6,944 has been raised so far toward the derby.

Fences have been installed around the varsity soccer fields at Southside Park. New Philadelphia Athletic Director Tim Fortney said that Wifi will be needed at the soccer fields.

Motion to Adjourn:

1<sup>st</sup>: Phil Tidrick

2<sup>nd</sup>: Tom Farbizo

~ Meeting Minutes submitted by Phil Tidrick