



Tuscora Park Board Meeting July 15, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: by Mike Ernest, Board President at 12:09pm

Members In Attendance: Mike Ernest, Tom Farbizo, Bill Morgan, Phil Tidrick, Jan McInturf

Excused Absence (members): Courtney Shalosky & Dave Frantz

Guests: Mayor Joel Day, Park Director Rod Miller, Asst. Park Director Chase Hostetler, & Denver Gallentine - member of the New Philadelphia Board of Education

Minutes for June, 2020 Meeting:

Approval of Minutes

1st motion / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Jan McInturf

Vote: Unanimous (approval)

Park Director's Report / Rod Miller

Mr. Miller reported that the rides at Tuscora Park opened on July 3 and that business for the rides had been good so far, except for days when the weather was extremely warm - then attendance would dip. Mr. Miller also mentioned that there had been multiple cancellations of picnic shelter reservations and scheduled games on the park district's various ball diamonds.

Mayor's Report / Mayor Joel Day

Mayor Day discussed that flash flooding had caused some problems in certain areas of the parks. The Mayor also mentioned that ground was expected to be broken soon on the addition to the South Side Park.

Tuscora Park Foundation Report / Mike Ernest

Mr. Ernest mentioned that significant progress had been made on the South Side Park project, including contracts for some of the work to be signed in the very near future.

President Ernest also mentioned that a tentative completion date for Phase 1 of the South Side project is scheduled for March 31, 2021.

Old Business

Board member Tom Farbizo discussed the continued need for improvements to the basketball courts at both Tuscora Park (2 courts) and on the south side of New Philadelphia (1 court), along S. Broadway.

Informally, the entire Park Board agreed with the need for the improvements and Mr. Farbizo will explore the issue further and report back on what he finds out during the August Park Board meeting.

New Business

Holly Claus was introduced to the Park Board as the new director of the Youth / Teen Center. Ms. Claus discussed her professional background and her plans for the Center. In addition to her role as the director of the Center, she will also have an active role in the marketing of Tuscora Park.

Also discussed was that Makayla Simpson (who was not in attendance) had approached city representatives about getting improvements made to the Skate Park at Waterworks Fields.

Ms. Simpson told officials she was willing to play an active role in assisting with the improvement process.

Motion for Adjournment:

1st / Phillip Tidrick

2nd / Thomas Farbizo

Vote: Unanimous (approval)

Adjournment Time: 1:00pm

Minutes recorded by: Bill Morgan