



Tuscora Park Board Meeting July 21st, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Phil Tidrick, Jan McInturf, Tom Farbizo, Jim Range, Dave Frantz

Excused Absence: Bill Morgan, Courtney Shalosky, Denver Gallentine

Guests in Attendance: Mayor Joel Day, Ron McAbier, Rod Miller, Chase Hostetler, Mitch Pace, Mike Ernest, Patrick Warther, Jonalee Fernatt, Rich Wilson, Bob Davis

Approval of June 16th, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

1st: Tom Farbizo

2nd: Dave Frantz

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Day gave a copy of the Southside Community Park Master Plan to all members.

Park Director's Report:

Park Director Rod Miller reported that this year's First Town Days was a big success and was the best that the festival has seen in a long time. Miller also said that he is unsure at this time of how long the Tuscora Park pool will remain open due to a loss of lifeguards. There will be no Nickel Day this year.

Old Business:

Guest Bob Davis, representing the New Phila Youth Soccer Association, reported that they will begin fundraising to put approximately 10 soccer fields at Southside Community Park. Davis will bring plans for some modifications and will present additional information at the August meeting.

Service Director Ron McAbier reported that many small projects are being completed at the Southside Community Park.

Phase 1 of the Skate Park is completed, and the renovation of the basketball courts is on schedule for completion in 4-6 weeks.

Mitch Pace, NP Youth Baseball Commissioner, brought information to the board regarding requested updates at the hilltop baseball field at Tuscora Park. The organization has money set aside for new foul poles and improve the turf with material made of 75% crushed brick/25% dirt. They would also like to paint the posts and improve the dugouts. Pace said that he has had many volunteers come forward to help do the work. A motion is planned to be made at next month's meeting.

The board also discussed the possibility of creating two pickleball courts at Tuscora Park near the tennis courts.

New Business:

Jonalee Fernatt met with the board to suggest the placement of two containers of tennis balls and toys for dogs to play with at the dog park at Southside Community Park. The idea was tabled for discussion at the August meeting.

Patrick Warther, representing the New Philadelphia Rotary Club, asked the board for permission to hold a Trick or Treat Festival at Tuscora Park on Sunday, October 24th. A motion to approve was made by Jim Range and was seconded by Phil Tidrick. The motion was passed.

Rich Wilson brought forth a request for the board to consider placing an archery course at Southside Community Park. Mr. Wilson had recently contacted and met with Mayor Day on the idea.

Other Business:

Board President Jim Range expressed his disappointment that the Dover Football Team had a dunk tank fundraiser at First Town Days.

Mike Ernest brought information to the board regarding the placement of a tribute wall at the park to recognize donors.

RTY, Inc. will be seeking grants to help pay for repairs to the Ferris Wheel. The cost is estimated at \$80,000 to \$100,000 to get the ride operational and in compliance with state laws for next year.

RTY is currently looking for a new director for the Park Place Youth Center.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Farbizo and seconded by Mr. McInturf.

Meeting minutes submitted by Phil Tidrick.

Next Meeting: Wednesday August 18th, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.