



Tuscora Park Board Meeting July 19th, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: 12:00 p.m. by Board President Jan McInturf

In Attendance: Jan McInturf, Tom Farbizo, Dave Frantz, Denver Gallentine, Phil Tidrick

Excused Absence: Courtney Shalosky, Bill Morgan, Jim Range

Guests: Mayor Joel Day, Park Director Rod Miller, Mitch Pace

*There were no minutes from the June meeting to approve due to a lack of quorum.

RTY:

RTY Director Greg Reese reported that they will be sending parts from the Ferris wheel to UT Akron to analyze why the shaft snapped. It will cost approximately \$10,000 to \$25,000 to fix and there is a possible donor to help with the cost. Reese hopes to have the work completed this summer. It was also reported that the carousel has had some minor problems and RTY also plans to have some welding work done on the roller coaster track.

As of June 2023, profits from rides are up \$17,000 over last year and concession stand returns are up from last year as well.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Day pointed out that the Bocci Courts are not being used and asked the board for their thoughts on moving the courts to a different area of the park to free up space at their current location. The board discussed the idea, but no decision was made.

The Tuscarawas County Public Library will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 19th at 2:15 pm for the Story Walk at the pollinator garden at Southside Community Park. The next public meeting

for the completion of the Towpath Trail to New Philadelphia will be held on July 24th at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Mayor Day is applying for grant money to help fund the addition of pedestrian crosswalks across North Broadway to Tuscora Park.

The Mayor also reported that the pickleball courts are being used heavily.

Park Director's Report: Park Director Rod Miller said that this year's First town Days Festival went well. The pool at Tuscora Park was closed yesterday (June 18th) due to a chlorine problem. The park's summer help will be beginning to leave for school soon.

Tuscora Park Foundation Report: Kudos to Leroy Cope for his craftsmanship on the wooden Carousel horse that was recently auctioned off. The auction item raised \$400 for the Tuscora Park Foundation.

The Foundation's next Chicken BBQ fundraiser will be held in October.

Old Business:

The shelter for the pickleball courts is completed.

The board was also updated on the progress of the Field #1 project. A \$12,000 donation was received from Dirk Wallace toward the turf infield. The fencing and scoreboard will hopefully be installed by fall.

New Business:

United Way of Tuscarawas County requested permission to hold a pickleball tournament at the Tuscora Park pickleball courts on Labor Day (Monday, September 4th).

Motion to allow United Way to hold a pickleball tournament on Monday, September 4th:

1st: Tom Farbizo

2nd: Denver Gallentine

The motion was approved. The board will request that United Way make a \$500 donation to the Tuscora Park Foundation for maintenance/upkeep of the courts.

Motion to adjourn:

1st: Tom Farbizo

2nd: Denver Gallentine

~ Meeting Minutes submitted by Phil Tidrick

Next meeting will be held August 16, 2023.