



Tuscora Park Board Meeting March 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at Noon by board president Mike Ernest. The meeting lacked a quorum. Present were members Jan McInturf, Phil Tidrick, Dave Frantz and President Mike Ernest. Excused were members Tom Farbizo, Bill Morgan, Jim Parrish and Courtney Shalosky. Guests were Mayor Joel Day, Parks and Recreation Department Superintendent Rod Miller, Asst. Parks Superintendent Chase Hostetler, Service Director Ron McAbier, Darrin Lautenschleger and Don Kemp.

Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes of the board's February 21st, 2018 regular meeting will need approved at the April meeting.

Old Business....

Susan Teat offered information on pickle ball courts:

- *great exercise; intergenerational benefits; multicultural; diverse abilities
- *combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong
- *social involvement/service minded; fills community needs
- *USPBA – U.S. Pickle Ball Association – (see website)

The area by the park's restrooms could hold 3 pickle ball courts. Vasco Sports gave an estimate at approximately \$50,000 for 2-3 courts. Also, it was discussed that two tennis courts could be taped off to be used for pickle ball in the off seasons of high school tennis. Due to the lack of a quorum, this idea will need re-addressed at the next regular Park Board meeting.

The Mayor reported that the City has received Clean Ohio grant money to develop the parking areas and boat ramps at the Carlisle and Coniglio properties. He said Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District grant money could pay for riprap for shore conservation. Projects should be underway by August.

The Mayor also reported that the City will apply for Clean Ohio funding in May for phase one of the Southside Community Park development. Thanks to State Representative Al Landis and Senator Jay Hottinger, the City of New Philadelphia received \$400,000 from the State capital budget for the Southside Community Park.

Board President, Mike Ernest reported that he met Nathan Quicksall of Quicksall and Associates to walk Kyle Wallick's property (4.98 acres) adjacent to the park. Wallick is offering to sell the land to the City. Mr. Ernest said the Wallick property could eliminate the need for a vehicle bridge into the park. Nathan Quicksall will design roadway options and develop cost figures from information gathered at the site. Mayor Day said Clean Ohio grant money could be used to purchase the land.

It was reported that all rides, with the exception of the swings, are ready for Tuscora Park's opening day. It was noted that no one over the age of 17 will be permitted on the swings and no one over 200 lbs.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

**NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018 AT NOON. SEE YOU THEN!**