



## **Tuscora Park Board Meeting March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Meeting called to order by Board President Jan McInturf at 12:03pm

Members In Attendance: Tom Farbizo, Jan McInturf, Todd McMath, Bill Morgan, Jim Range, Kelly Ricklic, Courtney Shalosky, & Phil Tidrick

Excused Absences: None

Guests: Mayor Joel Day, Service Director Ron McAbier, Park Supt. Rod Miller, Asst. Park Supt. Adam Fulton, Preston Cornell, Tim Fortney, Neil Nalawadi, Councilman Mitch Pace, Greg Rees, & Ryan Swailes

Approval of February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Phil Tidrick

Vote / Unanimous (8-0)

Guest Speakers:

The Board heard from Neil Nalawadi, representing New Philadelphia Black Sox baseball, who was requesting Board approval for use of the Tuscora Park logo & artwork for team jerseys to be worn on Tribute Day.

Approval of Request (pending Board review of Uniform Design):

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Kelly Ricklic

Vote / Unanimous (8-0)

Ryan Swailes met with the Board, volunteering the services of his company to - at no cost to the Park Board - power wash the World War II rock and flag marker at Tuscora Park.

Approval of Mr. Swailes' Offer:

1st / Phil Tidrick

2nd / Courtney Shalosky

Vote / Unanimous (8-0)

Mrs. Preston Cornell discussed with the Park Board her proposal to add a major addition on the east side of Tuscora Park that would focus on a playground area for physically challenged children. Mrs. Cornell presented extensive engineering / architectural drawings on how the new addition would be laid out.

Cornell said the estimated cost of the project was \$750,000, of which approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000 had already been accounted for thanks to fundraising.

Before proceeding with any further fundraising or planning, Mrs. Cornell was looking for Park Board approval of the current plan.

Approval Of The Proposed Addition at Tuscora Park:

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Kelly Ricklic

Vote / Unanimous (8-0)

Park Director's Report / Supt. Miller said he had no report for the month.

Mayor's Report / Mayor Day took his report time to thank everybody who was involved with the operation and support of the parks in New Philadelphia. The Mayor added that NP's parks are one of the crown jewels of the community.

RTY / Greg Rees talked to the Board about preparation of the rides at Tuscora Park for the upcoming 2024 season. The train station / train has added handicap accessibility and is ready to go for the season.

Mr. Rees also said that the roller coaster was ready to go for the 2024 summer season.

Rees added that the Ferris wheel still needs to be repaired, with the axel being the focus of the problem.

Mr. Rees also updated the board on new kiddie rides that are being added at Tuscora Park. One of which is the mini-Ferris wheel, that will be up and running for 2024.

Tuscora Park Foundation / Jan McInturf reported that the Pancake Breakfast was successful and well supported. The event raised nearly \$3,000, with \$2,980.79 being the exact total.

Old Business:

Kelly Ricklic reported to the Board on the continuing improvements to Field 1 (the varsity baseball field) at Tuscora Park, highlighted by the recent installation of the scoreboard at the field. Mr. Ricklic added that advertisements have been sold and are up and running on the scoreboard.

Service Director Ron McAbier told the Board that interior improvements to the bathrooms on the east side of Tuscora Park were complete.

Councilman Mitch Pace updated the Board on the upcoming Trout Derby, scheduled for April 27th at Tuscora Park. Mr. Pace said preparations for the event for nearly complete and he thanked all the sponsors and others who are making it happen for their support.

Pace also let the Board know about a recent fundraiser for New Phila Youth Softball that was very successful & he thanked T.J. Geers for organizing and leading that event.

New Business :

Jan McInturf thanked RLA Excavating for their work in removal of the batting cages at Tuscora Park.

Motion to Adjourn:

1st / Courtney Shalosky

2nd / Bill Morgan

Vote / Unanimous (8-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 1:16pm.

~ Meeting Minutes submitted by Bill Morgan