



## **Tuscora Park Board Meeting November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Meeting Called to Order: 12:04 p.m. by Park Board President Jan McInturf

In Attendance: Tom Farbizo, Dave Frantz, Denver Gallentine, Jan McInturf, Bill Morgan, Jim Range, Courtney Shalosky, & Phil Tidrick

Excused: N / A

Guests: Mayor Joel Day, Service Director Ron McAbier, Park Director Rod Miller, Asst. Park Director Chase Hostetler, New Philadelphia Athletic Director Tim Fortney, Joe Pry, Vicki Yates, Chad Conrad, Jeff Kinsey, & Park Place Youth Center Director Jordyn Starkey

Approve October 2021 P. Board Meeting Min.

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Courtney Shalosky

Vote / Unanimous (8 - 0)

Mayor's Report (Joel Day):

Mayor Day introduced Jordyn Starkey to the Board as the new Director of the Park Place Youth Center. The Mayor also updated Board members on ride repairs at Tuscora Park on behalf of J.J. Boroski from RTY.

The Mayor said repairs on the Ferris Wheel were nearly complete and the FW was expected to be fully operational for the 2022 season. The Mayor also stated repairs to the Starfighter ride were needed & would cost approximately \$3,500.

Park Director Report (Rod Miller):

Director Miller told the Board that Storybook Lane would open for the season the first week in December.

Dir. Miller also reported that fireworks for the 2022 1st Town Days Festival would take place on Saturday July 2, 2022

Old Business:

Discussion was held on the New Philadelphia Youth Soccer Association's proposal for building and maintaining new soccer fields at the Southside Park.

PB president Jan McInturf will contact the NPYSA to see what their priorities are from the items in their proposal and will also ask them to respond to a formal list of questions submitted by PB member Jim Range.

Approval To Delay a Decision on NPYSA Proposal:

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Phil Tidrick

Vote: Unanimous (8 - 0)

The Park Board also talked about a proposed Tribute Wall to be constructed in Tuscora Park. Discussion was focused on a possible location for the wall and what the wall would be made of, but no decisions were made on the issue.

New Business:

Jeff Kinsey, representing the New Philadelphia H.S. Class of 1973, appeared before the PB and said the Class of '73 wanted to make a donation that would finance the construction and materials for a new porch swing at Tuscora Park. Discussion was held and the Board decided a good location for the swing would be adjacent to the Carousel.

Approval of the Swing and the Class of 1973's Donation:

1st / Phil Tidrick

2nd / Courtney Shalosky

Vote / Unanimous (8 - 0)

Vicki Yates and Chad Conrad, representing the New Philadelphia - Dover Kiwanis, talked to the Board about wanting to make a financial donation to the PB that would benefit children who used the parks in New Philadelphia. Specifically, the Kiwanis were interested in funding playground equipment (slides, swings, etc.).

The PB recommended some possible locations for the new equipment and Ms. Yates & Mr. Conrad said they would look at those areas, further discuss the possibilities with the Kiwanis, and meet with the Board again at a later date.

New Philadelphia High School athletic director Tim Fortney talked with the Board about the needed resurfacing of the track at Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium. Mr. Fortney and project chairman Joe Pry discussed some of the specific needs of the resurfacing / improvements and said that fundraising was underway to cover the expected cost of \$278,000

Molly Calhoun Bowers of the Tuscarawas County Public Library talked with Board about the Library's interest to use Park property to hold a 5k run as a fundraiser for the library in 2022. No decisions were made, but possible dates / locations for the event would be April 23 or 24, 2022 at the South Side Park.

Motion For Adjournment:

1st / Phil Tidrick

2nd / Tom Farbizo

Vote / Unanimous (8 – 0)

Meeting Adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Bill Morgan