



Tuscora Park Board Meeting November 20th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm by Park Board President Jan McInturf

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

Excused Absence: Bill Morgan

Guests: Mayor Joel Day, Service Director Ron McAbier, Park Director Adam Fulton, Councilman Mitch Pace, Council President Don Kemp

Approval of October 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes:

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Jim Range

Vote / Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Joel Day said that he has applied for an ODNR Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to help pay for the construction of the multiuse building at Southside Community Park. A decision should be announced by January 1st.

Park Director's Report:

Adam Fulton reported that all pavilions at Tuscora Park have been painted and the gable ends have been replaced at lake pavilions 1 and 2. Storybook Lane will begin on Monday, November 25th.

Tuscora Park Foundation:

The Tuscora Park Foundation Chicken BBQ held on November 2nd raised over \$6,000 in profits to go toward the new all-inclusive playground at Tuscora Park.

RTY:

Greg Rees said that RTY has applied to the Reeves Foundation to help with the cost of setting up the three new kiddie rides, estimated at \$98,000. A \$30,000 donation was received to go toward the refurbishment of the rides. Gradall has agreed to powder coat the new rides.

RTY hopes to redo a portion of the rollercoaster in 2026.

Locations and pricing have been selected for the Tuscora Park Bench Project. Donors can sponsor a 4, 6, or 8-foot bench (at a different cost for each) for 5 years, with the option to renew the sponsorship at the end of the 5 years.

Old Business:

Mitch Pace reported that the fall trout derby had a large turnout. Hog Heaven/JNG Grill has donated \$1,700 toward next year's derby.

Turf Tuscora Diamond has applied to the Reeves Foundation and Rosenberry Foundation for grants. The money for the backstop and net at Field 1 has been raised and construction of the wall is currently in progress. The footers have been poured for the dugouts at Waterworks on Fields 3, 4, & 7.

Tom Farbizo reported that the cost of the 3rd bocci ball court at Tuscora Park is estimated at \$35,487 without concrete.

Vasco Asphalt will be making the repairs needed at the pickleball courts.

The Tuscora Park Foundation is working to determine how far back donations go to ensure that no one who should be included on the Tribute Wall is forgotten.

New Business:

Service Director Ron McAbier said that the City will begin work in 2025 on removal of the low overhead dam and construction of an above ground lift station behind AEP on Mill Avenue. Grant money was received through H2Ohio to fund the project.

The Park Board discussed the need for renovations at the stadium restrooms.

Motion for Adjournment:

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Kelly Ricklic

Vote / Unanimous

~ Meeting minutes submitted by Phil Tidrick.