



Tuscora Park Board Meeting October 20th, 2021

The Tuscora Park Board meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members in attendance: Tom Farbizo, Jim Range, Denver Gallentine, Dave Frantz, Jan McInturf, Courtney Shalosky

Excused absence: Bill Morgan

Guests in attendance: Mayor Joel Day, Parks & Recreation Director Rod Miller, Service Director Ron McAbier, Councilwoman Aimee May, Council President Don Kemp, JJ Boroski, Bob Davis, Paul McEwan, John Orr, Durane Duncan,

Minutes of the September 15th meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Courtney Schalosky and a second by Tom Farbizo.

Mayor's report – Mayor Joel Day reported that the Chicken BBQ and dedication ceremony for the newly reconstructed basketball courts was successful. He also said that the Ferris Wheel project is moving along. Sandblasting is slated to be completed on all gondolas and two will be made handicapped accessible. Over \$100,000 has been donated through the Reeves Foundation for the project.

The Mayor noted that the new dugouts for the hilltop baseball/softball fields are on hold for now until all hoops have been jumped through. The scoreboard will be completed this week. Better Banner will be making the 4x8 sign and State Farm Lisa Hoy is the sponsor.

Tuscora Park Foundation report – The foundation reported that the Chicken BBQ held in conjunction with the dedication of the basketball courts was a big success and sold out with 359 dinners sold. The event took in a gross of \$5,100 with sponsorships. Fundraisers continue for the 4 pickleball courts and restrooms planned for Tuscora Park.

Old business – NPYSA President Bob Davis presented drawings of the association’s proposed plans for soccer fields at Southside Park. The specs included six youth soccer fields and two full-sized fields as well as a parking area just beyond the dog park. Funds from parking fees would pay for the maintenance of fields. The group noted that they are hoping to have the fields completed by Fall of 2022 or Spring of 2023.

New business – RTY President J.J. Boroski reported that the Rotary Trick or Treat Festival planned for October 24th has been cancelled.

Dover/NP Kiwanis Club President Vicky Yates came to the board to discuss the club’s playground program. The group launched the program to provide new playground equipment as a way to celebrate their 100th year anniversary of service to the community and is looking to fund a project in New Philadelphia.

Jordan Starkey has been named the new director of the Park Place Teen Center. The board requested that Starkey begin attending the Park Board meetings to provide updates on the center.

Landscaper Randy Kamban planted 14 new trees at Southside Park and 6 trees at Tuscora Park.

Other business – Jeff Kinsey, representing the Class of 1973, approached the board with an offer to donate swings to the park.

John Orr and Durane Duncan of Massillon Plaque brought information to the board regarding the proposed donor plaques for Tuscora park and the Southside Park.

With no other business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Farbizo and seconded by Phil Tidrick. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17th.

~Meeting minutes submitted by Phil Tidrick.