



Tuscora Park Board Meeting October 16th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 12:04pm by Park Board President Jan McInturf

Members In Attendance: Tom Farbizo, Jan McInturf, Bill Morgan, Jim Range, Kelly Ricklic, and Phil Tidrick

Excused Absence: Todd McMath & Courtney Shalosky

Guests: Mayor Joel Day, Park Director Adam Fulton, Councilman Mitch Pace, & Cary Gardner

Approval of September 18th, 2024, Meeting Minutes:

1st / Kelly Ricklic

2nd / Tom Farbizo

Vote / Approved, Unanimous (6-0)

Mayor's Report: Mayor Joel Day updated the Park Board that the city had received a \$300,000 grant from ODNR for further improvements at the South Side Park.

Park Director's Report: Park Director Adam Fulton stated that clean-up & improvements from the summer season were continuing at Tuscora Park.

Fulton also said that a new library pop-up location was being installed in the pollinator garden at South Side Community Park. Additionally, Fulton said the 2025 Soap Box Derby would be held on June 7, 2025.

Fulton informed the PB that he had been approached by Bree Stevens about using the park pavilion at Tuscora Park for a Mental Health Spa Day in November. Fulton said the date of the proposed event would be November 21, 2024.

Proposal to use the Park Pavilion for the Mental Health Spa Day:

1st / Phil Tidrick

2nd / Kelly Ricklic

Vote / Approved, Unanimous (6-0)

Tuscora Park Foundation: TPF member Jan McInturf reported that the Tuscora Park Foundation's 4th annual Chicken BBQ would be held on November 2nd at Tuscora Park. McInturf also shared that \$860 was raised for the TPF by the raffle for Ohio State - Nebraska football tickets.

During the Fall Trout Derby on November 2nd, McInturf said the TPF would be selling donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate as a fundraiser.

RTY / Cary Gardner, representing the New Philadelphia Rotary, gave the Park Board an in-depth presentation on how the Rotary came to have such a major involvement with Tuscora Park.

Old Business

Tom Farbizo said that plans were being put in place for repairs to the pickleball courts. Farbizo specifically mentioned that there were some spots on the courts that needed attention & that a representative of Vasco had already taken a look at those areas on the courts.

Mr. Farbizo also said there were no new updates on the addition of a third bocci court. Farbizo added that, according to RTY, the addition of 20 new benches to Tuscora Park was still in the planning process, with RTY both seeking donations for the benches, locations in the park for placement of the benches, etc.

New Business

Mitch Pace informed the Board that the j baseball / softball seasons had recently concluded & improvements had been made and will continue to be made at the Waterworks fields. The latest improvements included new dugouts at Waterworks on Fields 3, 4, & 7. Pace also said a storage shed would be moved from South Elementary to Waterworks Field 8.

At Tuscora Park, quotes are being sought for a new backstop and dugouts at Field 1 (the varsity baseball field).

Motion for Adjournment:

1st / Kelly Ricklic

2nd / Jim Range

Vote / Unanimous (6-0)

Meeting Adjourned at 12:54pm

~ Meeting Minutes submitted by Bill Morgan