



Tuscora Park Board Meeting September 20th, 2023

Called To Order at 12:10 p.m. by Board President, Jan McInturf

Members Present: Tom Farbizo, Denver Gallentine, Jan McInturf, Bill Morgan, Jim Range, & Phil Tidrick

Excused Absence: Dave Frantz & Courtney Shalosky

Guests: Mayor Joel Day, Park Director Rod Miller, Service Director Ron McAbier, Councilman Mitch Pace, & Tim Fortney - New Philadelphia H.S. Athletic Director

Approval of August 16th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Phil Tidrick

Vote: Unanimous, 6 to 0

Mayor's Report: Mayor Day reported that the city is working with Senator Sherrod Brown's office, hoping to obtain 2 million in federal funding that would help with the continued development of the Southside Park.

Park Director Report: Director Miller told the Park Board that there would be a new vendor supplying the fireworks for First Town Days in 2024. Miller added that the Tuscora Park staff was finishing up closing out the park for the 2023 summer season.

Director Miller let the board know that he had been contacted by Justin Burdette, who wanted to use the Skatepark at Waterworks for a special event on October 7th.

Motion to Allow Usage of the Skatepark on 10/7:

1st / Bill Morgan

2nd / Phil Tidrick

Vote: Unanimous, 6 to 0

Tuscora Park Foundation Report: Jan McInturf reported that the Foundation is holding a Chicken BBQ on October 15th at Tuscora Park, from 11am to 2pm. McInturf said the proceeds from the event would benefit the rides at Tuscora Park.

Old Business:

Jan McInturf said the United Way Pickleball Tournament held on Labor Day at Tuscora Park was successful, raising \$6,500. McInturf added that the organizers of the event donated \$500 to the Tuscora Park Foundation, to go towards maintenance of the pickleball courts.

Tom Farbizo reported that major improvements to Field 1 (the varsity baseball field) at Tuscora Park are likely to begin in October. Farbizo stated that beams for the new scoreboard are scheduled to be placed earlier in the month. The scoreboard itself will be added later in the month.

New Philadelphia City Councilman Mitch Pace discussed plans in place to continue the improvements at Field 2 (the varsity softball field) at Tuscora Park. Pace said those changes included adding a new backstop at the field, with costs estimated to total just over \$20,000 (appx. \$18,375 for the new backstop & \$2,180 for destruction of the current backstop).

Service Director Ron McAbier said the process was now underway for extensive renovations to the restrooms near the pickleball courts at Tuscora Park.

New Business:

Tom Farbizo said the basketball courts at Tuscora Park had been resurfaced by Vasco. Farbizo added that plans were also in the works for the future resurfacing of the tennis courts and that improvements to the drainage at the pickleball courts would be made soon.

New Philadelphia Athletic Director Tim Fortney spoke to the Park Board about damage that was done by unauthorized users to the 2 soccer fields at Southside Community Park. After extensive discussion, the Board decided to take the following action:

Motion to Explore Planning/Pricing for Fencing Around & Signage at Southside Community Park Soccer Fields:

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Jim Range

Vote: Unanimous, 6 to 0

The Park Board considered the T County Pickleball Club's request to install signage at the pickleball courts at Tuscora Park. After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion to Table the TCPC's Signage Request:

1st / Jim Range

2nd / Tom Farbizo

Vote: Unanimous, 6 to 0

The Board discussed & confirmed Jim Range's idea to move future Park Board meetings into the room that adjoins Director Miller's office space at Tuscora Park.

Motion to Adjourn:

1st / Phil Tidrick

2nd / Bill Morgan

Vote: Unanimous, 6 to 0

Meeting Minutes submitted by Bill Morgan.