



## Tuscora Park Board Meeting April 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Jan McInturf at 12:10 p.m.

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

Excused absence: Denver Gallentine, Bill Morgan and Phil Tidrick

Guests in attendance: Mayor Joel Day, Service Director Ron McAbier, Parks & Recreation Director Rod Miller, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Chase Hostetler, City Council Member Mitch Pace, Park Place Youth Center Director Jordyn Starkey, Assistant New Philadelphia High School Athletic Director Ed Marsh, Tuscora Park Foundation Chairman Mike Ernest, City of New Philadelphia student intern Shannon Russell, and Turf Tuscora Diamond Committee members Kelly Ricklic, Sharon Ricklic, Ed Breehl Jr., and Shyanne Carroll.

Minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Farbizo with a second by Shalosky.

Kelly Ricklic, the originator of the Turf Tuscora Diamond project to build a new baseball stadium complex, introduced committee members and outlined both the history and details for the proposed \$2.5-million undertaking. Ricklic's presentation for the multi-phased plan included colored drawings and renderings. Phase One, projected to cost approximately \$500,000, would include elevation work, infield turf, backstop and dugouts. Ricklic fielded questions from board members and much discussion was conducted. No action was taken at the conclusion of the presentation due to the lack of a quorum.

**Mayor's report** – Day invited those present to join he and McAbier for the Arbor Day celebration at the Southside Community Park on Friday, April 29th at 10 a.m.

**Park Director's report** – Miller advised that the swing donated by the NPHS class of 1973 has not yet been installed.

**Tuscora Park Foundation report** – On behalf of RTY, Inc. Director J. J. Boroski, McInturf presented RTY's proposed 2022 price increases for the rides, putt-putt golf and concessions. No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

McInturf reported that a \$100 cash prize from the Tuscora Park Foundation will be awarded to a New Philadelphia High School student who submits the drawing chosen for new signage at all of the New Philadelphia parks.

**Park Place Youth Center Report** – Starkey reported that the center will begin renting sports and fishing-related equipment. Also, a sign reflecting the center's new name to replace the existing sign on the front of the pavilion was proposed. No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

**Old business** – Color renderings of ideas for the Tribute Wall provided by Massillon Plaque Company were distributed and reviewed. A straw vote determined that proposal #2 was the top choice. No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

Farbizo reported that \$175,000 has been raised to date for the \$220,000 pickleball courts project. Construction is expected to begin approximately August 1, 2022. Grants from other sources (i.e., Rosenberg Foundation, John & Orlena Marsh Foundation, Tuscarawas County Foundation and the VFW) are being sought. A large sign will be placed at the proposed location of the courts.

McAbier reported that a grant for upgrades at the Waterworks Skate Park from Nature Works is being sought.

**New business** – All were advised that Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium will be closed to the public starting June 6, 2022 with reopening approximately August 1, 2022 due to the track resurfacing. Alternate walking routes at all of New Philadelphia's parks will be marked and available.

Pace, who is also the New Philadelphia Youth Baseball Commissioner, advised that fundraising will commence to obtain money for resurfacing infields at Waterworks fields 3, 4, and 5 with the same material as on park hill Field 2.

Without a quorum and with no other reports, the meeting was adjourned.

The next New Philadelphia Park Board meeting will be May 18, 2022.

~ Meeting minutes submitted by Jim Range.