



Tuscora Park Board Meeting September 15th, 2021

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

Members in attendance: Jim Range, Phil Tidrick, Denver Gallentine, Jan McInturf

Excused absence: Tom Farbizo, Dave Frantz, Bill Morgan, and Courtney Shalosky

Guests in attendance: Mayor Joel Day, Parks & Recreation Director Rod Miller, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Chase Hostetler, Mitch Pace, Erica Gasser, J.J. Boroski, Carl & Connie Russo

* No action was taken due to a lack of quorum. *

Mayor's report – Mayor Joel Day reported that a plan has been set and work will begin to clear the algae from the park pond and the lagoon. Paragon ISG out of Newcomerstown will dredge the lagoon and install bottom aerators to prevent more algae from forming. Alec Hillyer of Native Property Care LLC and Buckeye Career Center Natural Resources students will work to remove the algae from the park pond.

Park Director's report – Rod Miller told the board that September 12th will be the last day of the year for rides at Tuscora Park. The reconstruction of the basketball courts is about 85% complete, with the Southside courts still needing a topcoat.

Miller also reported that maintenance work is set to be done on the diving tank. Dave Kyler has been hired for power washing and city personnel will complete the painting.

Tuscora Park Foundation report – A chicken BBQ dinner will coincide with the grand opening for the reconstructed basketball courts on Sunday, October 17th. The pits will be located on Al Maloney Blvd. and tickets will be \$10.00.

Old business – Mitch Pace and Erica Gasser of the New Philadelphia Baseball Association provided an update on the hilltop baseball and softball fields. Donations have been received for the dugouts and foul poles. Josh Finnical Masonry will do the masonry work on the dugouts. The current dugouts are 17’4” long and 6’ deep and they would like to expand them to 10’ deep and 20-25’ long. The approximate total cost is \$5,000 per dugout plus the cost of the roof, bleachers, etc.

The Tuscora Park Foundation has received an additional \$3,500 in donations for the pickleball courts.

New business – RTY President J.J. Boroski told the board that it will cost around \$185,000 to upgrade the Ferris wheel to comply with Ohio’s Tyler’s Law. Dover Tank Plate will redesign the gondolas and Gradall will paint.

Boroski also reported that RTY profits are up this year.

The board will have renderings drawn for new restrooms & pickleball courts.

Other business – Carl & Connie Russo approached the board to request reduced pool pricing for seniors. They proposed a \$20 season pass for senior citizens.

Meeting minutes submitted by Phil Tidrick.