



Tuscora Park Board Meeting March 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Park Board President Jan McInturf

Members In Attendance: Tom Farbizo, Dave Frantz, Denver Gallentine, Jan McInturf, Bill Morgan, Phil Tidrick

Excused Members: Jim Range, Courtney Shalosky

Guests: Rod Miller, Chase Hostetler, Jordyn Starkey, J.J. Boroski (RTY), Durane Duncan (Massillon Plaque)

Approval of February 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Phil Tidrick

Vote: 6-0, Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

No Report

Park Director's Report:

Director Miller reported that both the dog park & restrooms are now open at the Southside Park. Miller also said that April 30 is scheduled to be a big day at Tuscora Park. Activities on that day include multiple New Philadelphia H.S. sporting events, with it being the annual Gundy Day. Also on that day, the yearly Soap Box Derby will be held on Wabash Hill.

Tuscora Park Foundation:

Jan McInturf said the Foundation's Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on 2/19/22 was successful. Ticket sales were \$3,185 and the total profit was \$3,097.34.

Park Place Teen Center Update:

Director Jordyn Starkey reported that a new Kids Club would start in May. Starkey also said that the Teen Center was going to start renting equipment to be used in Tuscora Park, including fishing poles, basketballs, and corn hole boards/bags.

Guest Speakers:

J.J. Boroski from RTY reported the 2021 financial numbers from Tuscora Park operations, including revenue figures from rides, concessions, the Youth Center, and the Summer Concert series.

Boroski said RTY was concerned about financial projections for the upcoming 2022 season and because of that, Boroski said that RTY was recommending price increases for the rides and mini golf this year.

RTY requested single ride tickets be increased to \$1.50 each, while a book of tickets (which would increase from 10 to 12 tickets per book) would cost \$10. The cost of mini golf would climb to \$4 per game.

Approval of Rides / Mini Golf Price Increase

1st / Phil Tidrick

2nd / Tom Farbizo

Vote: 6-0, Unanimous

Durane Duncan from Massillon Plaque spoke to the board about new signage for Tuscora Park. Duncan provided the board with multiple examples of possible designs for signs in the park. The board agreed to consider the options that were presented and contact Duncan in the future.

Old Business:

Tom Farbizo reported that fundraising for the new pickleball courts at Tuscora Park is continuing. Farbizo said the approximate cost for the project is \$220,000 & that about \$173,000 had already been raised.

Farbizo also updated the board that, for the time being, the restrooms next to the bocce ball courts on the east side of Tuscora Park would not be remodeled/replaced due to financial considerations.

A discussion was held on the proposed remodeling of the varsity baseball field at Tuscora Park. City Councilman Kelly Ricklic is helping in the planning process with this project. Once the improvements begin, they would continue in stages over a period of time.

Park Board President Jan McInturf updated the board on multiple items:

a) Mayor Joel Day is applying for a grant for improvements at the Skate Park.

b) The Tuscarawas County Library's Earth Day & 5k Run would take place at Southside Community Park on 4/24/22.

c) A proposal to see if New Philadelphia H.S. art students would be interested in helping to design artwork for new signs for the Parks & providing the students with a financial incentive to do so.

Approval of Student Art Design/Financial Incentive

1st / Tom Farbizo

2nd / Bill Morgan

Vote: 6-0, Unanimous

New Business: None

Motion To Adjourn

1st / Dave Frantz

2nd / Jan McInturf

Vote: 6-0, Unanimous

Meeting dismissed at 1:02 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Bill Morgan