



Tuscora Park Board Meeting November 16th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Park Board President Jan McInturf.

Members in attendance: Tom Farbizo, Jan McInturf, Courtney Shalosky, Denver Gallentine, Dave Frantz, Phil Tidrick, and Jim Range.

Excused absence: Bill Morgan

Guests in attendance: Mayor Day, Mitch Pace, Rod Miller, J.J. Boroski

The board unanimously approved the October meeting minutes, pending a correction to the motion for the approval to paint pickleball court lines on the two upper tennis courts.

Mayor's Report: A \$16,194 Nature Works grant has been received for improvements at the skate park. A total of \$22,167 has been received so far. Mayor Day is working with OMEGA to apply for grant funding to complete the New Philadelphia portion of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Towpath Trail. If received, the project would need to be completed by October 2026. The Mayor also reported that he's hopeful that \$150,000 will be allocated from the park budget for the restrooms near the tennis courts at Tuscora Park, with additional funding possibly coming from grants.

Park Director's Report: Rod Miller said that Storybook Lane will be set up at the park beginning November 27th through the first week of January. The dog park and restrooms at Southside Community Park will close for the winter beginning December 1st.

Tuscora Park Foundation Report:

The foundation is reporting a profit of \$3,925.89 from the Chicken BBQ in October. Thank you to Dave Frantz and Chase Hostetler for cooking the chicken. A pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 11th, 2023.

RTY: No updates

Old Business:

Construction of the bleachers/roof for the pickleball courts is slated for the spring. A small storage area will also be built on the back. The project will be funded in part by a donation from Bob O'Donnell, with the rest paid for by the Tuscora Park Foundation.

Matt Wilson at Vasco has recommended painting the pickleball court lines on the top two tennis courts during the resurfacing of the tennis courts in 2024. Wilson said there would be no extra cost to install the pickleball court lines if done during the full resurface.

Baseball fields – New Philadelphia Youth Baseball Commissioner Mitch Pace thanked the New Philadelphia Water Department for their work on the demolition of the hilltop dugouts. At Waterworks, the infields at fields 3, 4, 5, and 6 are resurfaced, with fields 7 & 8 still awaiting completion. Approximately \$65,000 has been spent on the field renovations to date. The board also discussed the possibility of charging outside teams for field use in light of New Philadelphia City Schools' proposed facilities contracts.

The paperwork finalizing the agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to stock the pond at Tuscora Park with trout needs to be signed. ODNR will stock the pond with approximately 600-800 trout in April or early May.

New Business:

Sam Hitchcock has received approval for a historical marker to be placed at Tuscora Park. The subject will be discussed further at the January meeting.

The Tuscarawas County Public Library has requested permission to hold a storybook walk at the Southside Community Park pollinator garden.

Board members continued talks regarding restrooms at waterworks fields.

Christmas in the Park will be held on Sunday, December 18th from 4-8.

There will be no December meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm on a motion from Tom Farbizo.

Next meeting scheduled for January 18, 2023.

~ Meeting minutes submitted by Phil Tidrick