

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission  
January 12, 2015 meeting minutes

Present were Jennifer Andrew, Terry Kuhl, Jim Purtill, Angie Nowosielski, Tom Snyder and Jim Burke. Also present was the entire Township Board and two citizens.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1930 hrs.

A motion to approve the October meeting minutes was made by Terry and seconded by Angie; motion carried.

This was a joint meeting with the Tuscarora Township Board; all Board members were present.

Jennifer introduced Tom Snyder as a proposed replacement for Robin Feagan.

A motion was made to appoint Tom and was carried unanimously.

We discussed with the Township Board our concerns of not being able to operate autonomously, as the Parks Commission does not have a specific millage and operates with funding from the Township. Ultimately, the Township Board has the final say in decisions because they retain financial responsibility.

We agreed that the organizational chart should be updated, not just with new names, but to include a more desirable reporting structure that enables the Parks Commission to maintain an authoritative position in matters and projects that ultimately become their responsibility. The Veterans Pier project was used as an example of the Township Board stepping in where the Parks Commission should have been the coordinating entity, which led to confusion.

The Parks Commission will take the lead on restructuring the organizational chart to reflect this discussion. All in attendance agreed.

Bobbi Balazovic advised us that Tri Rivers Little League would like to pursue an additional ball field, as there is a need. She will create a proposal, research grant funding availability and report back to the Parks Commission.

Jim Purtill informed us that the ice rink Zamboni is down due to a broken hydraulic pump. He proposed that he obtain a rebuilt pump for approximately \$500 and in several days have the equipment fully operational. A motion resulted, was seconded, and carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: February 9, 2015 in Tuscarora Township Hall at 1930 hrs.  
Respectfully submitted February 8, 2015 by Jim Burke