

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission

February 9, 2015 meeting minutes

Present were Jennifer Andrew, Terry Kuhl, Angie Nowosielski, Tom Snyder and Jim Burke.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1930 hrs.

A motion to approve the January 12 meeting minutes was made by Tom and seconded by Angie; motion carried.

We continued our discussion about 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 Parks Commission will take the lead on restructuring the organizational chart to reflect this discussion. For our homework prior to our next meeting in March, each of us is to propose a revision to page 2-2 (Administrative Chart) of the Tuscarora Township Recreation Plan for further discussion and proposal to the township board.

Angie had received a request to have a wedding on Veterans Pier for July 3. As this is the day of the fireworks and at the very least the busiest weekend of the year, we suggested that an alternate date be considered. This also prompted discussion regarding private use of the Pier. We will review the "Tuscarora Township Park Reservation Application and Guidelines" policy to understand if it addresses this situation, and if not, will revise it accordingly. This is also homework for each of us prior to our March meeting.

Understanding that the Veterans Pier dedication is planned for Memorial weekend, we thought it prudent to invite the Veterans Pier Committee to our next meeting to discuss project status and increased involvement of the Parks Commission, as we will soon be responsible for maintenance of such.

As Jim Purtill was absent due to a funeral, we did not discuss the Parks budget; this will be an agenda item for the March meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Tom motioned and Terry seconded to adjourn at 2042 hrs.

Next meeting: March 9, 2015 in Tuscarora Township Hall at 1930 hrs.

Respectfully submitted February 12, 2015 by Jim Burke