

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
May 14, 2015 meeting minutes

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

Also in attendance were Bobbi Balazovic, Ryan Svoboda, Mike Ridley, Kortny Hahn, Kelly DePauw and Gordon Temple.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1300 hrs.

A motion to approve the April 16 meeting minutes was made by Angie and seconded by Tom; motion carried.

We discussed Cooperation Park policy as it applies to Little League and ILS usage. Fields 2 and 3 are very busy. JV softball is new this year. Evening practices often conflict. Little League schedules every opening available that ILS hasn't reserved. Ryan will do his best to avoid conflicts and suggested that ILS practice during the 6-8pm timeslot. We all agree that better communication is the key. Ryan and Gordon are the points of contact for ILS and Little League respectively.

We need to review our fee policy as our costs to maintain continue to increase. We will do that at subsequent meetings and if fees are adjusted, the new rates will become effective in 2016.

Because of the increased field usage, we are considering the addition of two new ball fields, 6 and 7. Mike suggested that we research MNRTF grant funding for this. Bobbi will make the application and will begin the planning. We will also contact the Masons as we will need part of their property for field 7.

Jim Purtill presented the budget, which appears to be in order, although we are beginning to tap in to our reserve fund. Jim said that labor costs are a concern; with the wages that we are paying it is difficult to attract and keep good help. He could use another person and we will soon need another zero turn mower and eventually need another pick up truck. We all agreed that we need to create a revenue stream to support the increasing costs of maintaining our parks. Jim agreed to work on a detailed five year plan that defines our equipment and personnel needs, associated costs, and timing so that we can better understand what our annual revenue should be. This will be the basis of developing an overall plan to keep our parks thriving.

Angie motioned and Tom seconded that the new 12'X24' equipment storage building at DeVoe Beach will be located in the green space and the spot of the existing shed, which will be removed. Motion carried. Jim Purtill will secure the necessary permits and setback variance. It will be placed on a gravel substrate which will allow for relocation if our needs change.

The void between the block retaining wall and the new poured sidewalk will be filled with poured concrete. A motion to approve this at a cost not to exceed \$2K was made by Angie, seconded by Jim Burke. Motion carried.

At 1436 Jim Burke motioned and Terry seconded that we adjourn, motion carried.

Next meeting: June 11, 2015 in Tuscarora Township Hall at 1300 hrs.

Respectfully submitted May 16, 2015 by Jim Burke