

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission

October 8, 2015 meeting minutes

Present were Jennifer Andrew, Tom Snyder, Jim Purtill and Jim Burke.

Also in attendance were Kortny Hahn and Mike Ridley.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1303 hrs.

Tom motioned to approve the September minutes; Jim seconded, motion carried.

Jim Purtill updated us on the budget; all appears to be in order. The irrigation systems have been decommissioned for the winter, the ice rink outside walls have been painted, and wood chips have been spread on walkways.

The 12'X24' storage building (in Gaylord) was inadvertently sold. We are considering a smaller 10'X20' building to replace the shed at Devoe Beach. Jim Purtill will follow up. We have obtained a setback variance and a special use permit. We will need an electrical permit.

Jim will need a new zero turn mower; he is looking for a slightly used one and is confident he can save the township money. He is also seeking bids on a new well and irrigation system because the existing is inadequate for the additional load created by the proposed new ball field #6. More news to come.

There continue to be commercial use infractions at Devoe Beach by a repeat offender – we will take this into consideration when revising our policies this winter. Each TTPC member has been assigned a neighboring community parks policy to obtain for benchmarking purposes. We have established several contacts with Petoskey Parks Commission and they have provided much helpful information.

For our next meeting, Jim Purtill plans to have cost and delivery of a Devoe Beach storage shed, new Cooperation Park well and irrigation system, and a five year average cost of maintaining Cooperation Park.

Jim Burke proposed moving \$700 from the Parks “special improvement projects” 101-691-933-00 line item to the Beautification Committee budget line item 101-691-740-05 to help cover the cost of refurbishing the fourth “Welcome to Indian River” sign. Tom seconded the motion, which carried.

Diane Rekowski plans to attend our next meeting to assist with our five year plan.

At 1427 hrs. Tom motioned to adjourn. Jim seconded. Adjourned.

Next meeting: January 14 at 1300 hrs.

Respectfully submitted October 9, 2015 by Jim Burke