

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
January 14, 2016 meeting minutes

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

Also in attendance were Kortny Hahn, Nico Tucker, Bobbi Balazovic, Gordon Temple, John Wallace, and Mike Ridley.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1300 hrs.

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

Nico Tucker, Transportation Coordinator for NEMCOG presented his thoughts for assisting the TTPC with updating our five year plan. Our plan is now required to list all grants received to date. There is a special form required for this. A NRC grant coordinator (Marie) reviews and approves the recreation plan. Nico can help us with our five year plan. The more we do, the less he has to do, which saves us money. After a cursory review, he estimates his time required will be approximately 15 hours and will cost no more than two thousand dollars. Upon completion, our five year plan will require two forms of public input for thirty days, which can be at a township board meeting, a TTPC meeting, online survey on the township website, or copies for public review available at the Post Office or township office. Prior notification is required in the local newspaper. When it is complete and approved, we will submit a copy to the county.

Angie Nowosielski has resigned. Mike Saker has agreed to fill her position until the November election. Jim Burke motioned and Tom Snyder seconded to approve Mike's appointment; motion carried.

Jim Purtill is still working on obtaining a used mower for the parks. He is also going to exchange the Devoe beach shed for a wood veneered shed painted to match the existing structures.

We discussed our annual cost to maintain the baseball and soccer fields and agreed that a twenty percent increase in our charge to the soccer league, Little League, and ILS is reasonable. There hasn't been an increase in ten years. This revenue will cover roughly twenty percent of our cost to maintain only the fields from May through August. Jennifer made a motion to increase our charges as described, Tom seconded; motion carried.

We also discussed plans and funding for a new baseball field (#6). Bobbi and Gordon are coordinating this. A new well will be required. Jim Purtill will obtain quotes that we will review in our February meeting.

At 1500 hrs. Jim motioned to adjourn. Tom seconded. Adjourned.

Next meeting: February 11 at 1300 hrs.

Respectfully submitted January 16, 2016 by Jim Burke