

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
March 10, 2016 meeting minutes

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

Also in attendance were Kortny Hahn, Dave Meckstroth, Bobbi Balazovic, and Mike Ridley.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1300 hrs.

Tom motioned to approve the February minutes; Mike seconded, motion carried.

Mike Saker was approved by the township board as a replacement parks commissioner. Tom motioned to approve him, Jennifer seconded; motion carried.

The Parks Commission will update one section of our five year plan per month, starting with section one in March. We discussed changes to chapter one; Jennifer has the marked copy. We agreed that our contract to NEMCOG will include an electronic copy of the completed five year plan.

At our February meeting Bobbi updated us regarding funding for a new baseball field (#6). While downstate at a MTA conference, she learned of a "Crowd Funding Grant" through the state of Michigan that can be applied for and could cover 50% of the cost of the field upgrade. A "Downtown Designation" is required.

At this meeting she told us that we don't qualify because Cooperation Park is too far away from the downtown area. She and Julie Kolly will work on a MDNR Passport grant that may provide up to \$45K toward the new ballfield. A 25% match is required and can include sweat equity. It must be submitted before April 1.

Mike Saker provided us a quote for a new well for field #6 from Mattson Well Drilling for \$8,462.77, which includes 100' of five inch casing, a three horsepower 35 gpm submersible pump, completely installed. Jim Burke has the quote on file.

Michigan Tech has asked to use a baseball field April 9&10, which we approved. We will require a \$200 security deposit to cover clean-up cost if necessary. We will gladly accept a donation from them. Mike Ridley will call them and discuss details. We will also apprise the chamber of commerce.

Our homework for the April 14 meeting is revision recommendations to section two of the five year plan.

At 1354 hrs. Jim motioned to adjourn. Tom seconded. Adjourned.

Next meeting: April 14 at 1300 hrs.

Respectfully submitted March 13, 2016 by Jim Burke