

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission

April 14, 2016 meeting minutes

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

Also in attendance were Nick Bodette, Sheree Lincoln, Bobbi Balazovic, and Mike Ridley.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1338 hrs.

Mike Saker motioned to approve the March minutes; Jim Burke seconded, motion carried.

Jim motioned that we approve the NEMCOG contract proposal to update the five year plan, which will include an electronic copy of the file, not to exceed two thousand dollars. Mike seconded, motion carried.

We reviewed chapter two of the five year plan. Jennifer has the master marked copy. We agreed that our homework for the May meeting will be chapters three and four.

Our township insurance provider has recommended that we develop a facilities agreement to be signed by the Little League, ILS, and the soccer league. We reviewed the Byron Township agreement and will develop ours accordingly. Jennifer will take the lead on this and will work with Sue Fisher to complete it.

Jim made the motion to develop a Tuscarora Township Facilities Agreement as noted above. Mike seconded and motion carried.

Jim Purtill will have a new employee starting next week. He has worked with Jim before and will likely be trained as Jim's successor.

The Cooperation Park road will need about \$1K worth of gravel. Jim will have it delivered and he will spread it.

Bobbi reported that she and Julie Kolly were not able to complete the application for 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 had to be submitted before April 1. She recommends that she and Julie begin work on fund raising. If we are to obtain a grant in the future, it must be secured prior to construction commencement.

Sheree Lincoln proposed an idea for a handicap accessible kayak / canoe ramp. She discussed several potential locations for this, including the Juno Street road end, which belongs to the Cheboygan County Road Commission. The equipment cost is \$30K, which could be paid for through a fund raiser that Sheree can organize. The Parks Commission listened to her ideas and suggested that she develop a plan that specifies location, layout including access and parking, with cost and timing. She agreed and plans to formally propose this to the Parks Commission at a later meeting.

Jim motioned and Mike seconded that our future meetings will be held at 1400 hrs. Motion carried.

At 1444hrs. Jim motioned to adjourn. Mike seconded. Adjourned.

Next meeting: May 12 at 1400 hrs.

Respectfully submitted April 17, 2016 by Jim Burke