

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
October 13, 2016 meeting minutes

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

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1400 hrs.

Tom motioned to approve the September 16 meeting minutes; Mike seconded, motion carried.

Jim Purtill reviewed the budget with us, noting an increase over last year in the categories of “supplies” and “equipment”. That is due to graveling the Cooperation Park driveway and replacing broken sprinkler heads, and the purchase of a paint striping machine, which was approved in our May 12 meeting.

Jim Purtill proposed that we purchase a self-propelled leaf blower which will probably pay for itself in two years with efficiency savings.

Tom motioned that we approve \$9K for such purchase, Jim Burke seconded. Motion carried. After the motion, we agreed that half of the purchase cost should come from the cemetery maintenance budget, as the blower will primarily be used there.

There is a broken weld on the Veterans Pier seawall cap. Jim Purtill will address this.

Cooperation Park update: signs, bleachers, bathrooms all painted, sprinklers blown out, and the well between ball fields one and two, which hasn’t worked for several years was fixed by Jim’s crew with assistance from Matson. The systems all are operating “perfectly”.

Jim has three full time summer employees and will retain one throughout the winter.

We reviewed and updated the five year plan. There are several pictures to be updated, at which time Jennifer will submit the entire plan to NEMCOG for finalizing.

Jennifer will call a meeting for November 10 at 1500 hrs. to solicit public input on the updated five year plan.

At 1636 hrs. Mike motioned to adjourn. Tom seconded. Adjourned.

Next meeting: November 10 at 1400 hrs. Our homework is review of the Parks Reservation Policy and enhancements to it.

There will be a public input immediately following at 1500 hrs. to present the revised five year plan.

Respectfully submitted October 16, 2016 by Jim Burke