

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
September 21, 2017 meeting minutes

Present were Jennifer Andrew, Dave Meckstroth, Jim Purtill, Mike Saker, Tom Snyder, and Jim Burke. Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1417 hrs.

Tom motioned to approve the August meeting minutes; Dave seconded, motion carried.

Jim Purtill reviewed the budget with us. All long term debt has been paid in full; all equipment is paid in full. We are under budget for the year. All ball fields have been repaired and are ready for spring. The discussion of a large pavilion is in the very early stage. No decisions have been made. Sallie Snyder sent a letter describing explaining the thought process for the upper park, that it was deliberately planned for most of the upper park to be green space because of its' multiple uses. We wanted a clear view from Straits Highway to the Little Sturgeon River, and spent \$75,000 to lower the railroad grade to facilitate this. Her letter is on file.

We discussed the loose pilings and slippery surface on Greendocks.

Jim Purtill has looked at this and is planning to make the necessary repairs before spring.

Jim Burke and Mike Saker will review Veterans Pier for the addition of more permanent benches to be funded from the Pier account.

The idea of a fenced dog park at Cooperation Park was discussed. After much discussion and review of two preliminary fencing bids from Harbor Fence and McDade fence, it appears that McDade is significantly lower.

Jennifer motioned that we approve spending up to \$10,000 for up to 980 feet of 5' high fence on the south end of ball field #6 for this purpose, and that Jim Purtill is to obtain a firm bid from McDade that is to include a detailed dimensioned drawing as a result of a site visit. Tom seconded the motion, which carried four to one, Dave dissenting.

Sheree Lincoln, who has proposed a kayak handicapped launch in two previous meetings, sent a letter proposing the Juno Road end as a plausible site. The TTPC has not received a business plan from her as requested twice and as such, we have taken no action.

At 1526 hrs. Tom motioned to adjourn. Dave seconded. Adjourned.

Next regular meeting: October 12 at 1400 hrs.

Respectfully submitted September 22, 2017 by Jim Burke