

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission

December 14, 2017 meeting minutes

Present were Jennifer Andrew, Dave Meckstroth, Tom Snyder, Mike Saker, and Jim Burke. Guest presenter was Sheree Lincoln.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1402 hrs.

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

Tom motioned to approve the December 7 special meeting minutes, Mike seconded, approved.

Sheree Lincoln led a discussion about her proposed kayak Easy Launch. She would like to have Sue Fisher open a line item in the township budget to accumulate fund contributions for the launch. Sheree understands that the “Red Barn” property is not available for this, mainly due to deed restrictions and the desire to develop the property to facilitate temporary mooring for the boat launch per the DNR. Additionally, part of the agreement with the DNR who helped fund the rail trail lowering is that we manage the River Street trail crossing to minimize traffic on east River Street. She is considering the Juno Street road end for development. She will talk with the Cheboygan County Road Commission in an attempt to secure a Special Use Permit from them.

Dave Meckstroth motioned that Sue Fisher should open a line item in the TTPC budget to accumulate funding for research to create a handicapped kayak launch per Sheree Lincoln’s proposal. Mike Saker seconded, motion carried.

Mike Saker proposed that we ask the township board to release funds from the Veterans Pier account to purchase and install seven new permanent benches and to purchase a power washer to maintain cleanliness of the pier and sidewalks.

He will obtain accurate costs and with Jim Burke’s assistance, draft a formal proposal to the board.

The broken weld on the pier cap needs to be repaired, as it will continue to degrade, according to Elmer’s. We will follow up with them and discuss “warranty work” to be done in the spring.

We talked about installing a zip line at Cooperation Park, as there seems to be significant interest. More discussion in future meetings.

At 1512 hrs. Jim motioned to adjourn. Tom seconded. Adjourned.

Next regular meeting: January 11, 2018 at 1400 hrs.

Respectfully submitted December 15, 2017 by Jim Burke