

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission  
Approved February 8, 2018 meeting minutes

Present were Jennifer Andrew, Dave Meckstroth, Tom Snyder, Mike Saker, Jim Purtill, Joe Walker, and Jim Burke. Guests included Frank Schneider and Krissi Thompson from ILS, Ben Kolly representing Little League, and Walt Dark representing Kiwanis.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1400 hrs.

Jim Burke motioned to approve the January meeting minutes, Tom seconded, motion carried.

Ben Kolly and Krissi Thompson led a discussion about our ball fields at Cooperation Park. They made a respectable argument for the need of a new ball field. The total cost for a new field will likely be around \$50K. Little League can afford to contribute \$10K; Frank Schnider would like as much advance notice as possible so that ILS can budget for their share. The Parks Commission will contribute also. We will begin planning. Ball field scheduling will be done on Google Calendar.

Jim Purtill will continue discussion with Jeff Jakeway about paving the Cooperation Park driveway.

Walt Dark talked about championing a Kiwanis led "signature project". He is very interested in creating a kayak launch at Marina Park along the Little Sturgeon River, upstream of the tube. The Parks Commission agrees that this is an ideal location with ample parking, bathroom access, safe waterway access, even in windy weather. We will continue this discussion. Jennifer and Dave plan to attend a Kiwanis meeting February 12 to discuss this and other Parks and Recreation topics.

Little League is already forming for 2018. They would like to have lights on ball fields 1 and 2.

We talked about dredging the Little Sturgeon and installing a sheet pile seawall the length of the red barn property from the Indian River to the tube under River Street. Jim Purtill had Dale Pugh price this: roughly \$50 K for dredging, seawall material and installation, including finish grading of spoils on site.

Jim Purtill proposed that we offer Joe Walker health insurance, as Joe is assuming increased responsibilities and appears to be Jim's heir apparent. Motion by Mike Saker, support from Tom Snyder to offer Joe an 80/20 copay plan BCBS; present monthly cost is \$336.79. Unanimously agreed.

Mike Saker proposed that we ask the township board to release funds from the Veterans Pier account to install 1-1/2" poly pipe, water pump, and all necessary fittings, including labor for a price not to exceed \$3K. Jim Burke motioned, Tom Snyder supported, all agreed.

We also agreed on a four to one vote to allow Jim Purtill to purchase two vinyl coated expanded metal picnic tables from an online auction in Grand Rapids not to exceed \$1K.

At 1538 hrs. Mike motioned to adjourn. Jim Burke seconded. Adjourned.

Next regular meeting: March 8, 2018 at 1400 hrs.

Respectfully submitted February 9, 2018 by Jim Burke