

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
March 8, 2018 approved meeting minutes

Present were Jennifer Andrew, Tom Snyder, and Jim Burke.
Guests included Sallie Snyder, Walt Dark and Bob Kramer.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1400 hrs.

Tom motioned to approve the February meeting minutes with several corrections, Jim seconded, motion carried.

Walt Dark and Bob Kramer, representing Kiwanis, proposed funding for a previously discussed kayak launch at Lower Marina Park on the Little Sturgeon River. They offered \$12K for this project, funded by a generous donation in the memory of Clayton and Harriet Hatch. They indicated that there may be other projects the Kiwanis would support in the future. Jim motioned and Tom seconded that the Tuscarora Township Parks Commission accept a check from Kiwanis in the sum of \$12K to proceed with constructing a kayak launch as previously described. The launch is to include a 24" X 36" sign stating "Kiwanis Kayak Launch – In memory of Clayton and Harriet Hatch". It will include a Kiwanis logo provided by them. It will be ADA compliant. Motion carried.

We also discussed the need for a sign that is to read "Vehicles with trailers are required to have a launch pass – available at Township Hall or the boat launch". This is necessary because the Lower Marina Park is overflow parking for the boat launch.

The Tuscarora Township Parks Commission is very grateful to Kiwanis and the Hatch family for this donation.

Ball field rental fees will remain as last year: \$3750 for ILS, \$2300 for Little League, \$2300 for soccer. Motion by Tom, seconded by Jim as stated. Motion carried.

Sallie reviewed the history and formation of the Marina Park Commission, reminding us that what is now the Marina Park, Trailhead, and Greendocks was all made possible through the passage of a 2006 millage that promised voters that these areas will be enhanced and maintained. The philosophy of the Marina Park Commission has been to create multi purpose green spaces that are maintenance free.

Understanding that this group of hard working, dedicated volunteers has completed its mission, she proposed that the Parks Commission assume the responsibility of maintaining and enhancing these areas. Sallie further proposed that the Tuscarora Township Marina Parks Commission be dissolved as of this date. There is a balance of approximately \$32K remaining from the 2006 Parks and Recreation millage.

In keeping faith with what was promised to the voters, these funds will only be used for improvements and maintenance of the Boat Launch, Greendocks, and the Trailhead.

Jim motioned that the Tuscarora Township Parks Commission will assume responsibility for the Boat Launch, Marina Park, the Trailhead and Greendocks effective this date and dissolves the Marina Parks Commission effective immediately. Tom seconded; motion carried.

Next regular meeting: April 12, 2018 at 1400 hrs.

Respectfully submitted March 9, 2018 by Jim Burke