

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission

April 12, 2018 meeting minutes

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

Guests included representatives from Kiwanis, 7&4 News, Ben Kolly, Scott Swanson, Dick Lincoln, Kortny Hahn, Herm Boatin, Debbie Willey, and Joe Walker.

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 1400 hrs.

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

Dick Kristin presented a \$12K check from Kiwanis to Tuscarora Township Parks Commission for the kayak launch at lower Marina Park. There were photos taken and 7&4 News captured the event.

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

Michigan Lake Products will assess the proposed site and we will get underway as soon as possible.

Dick Lincoln credited his wife for creating this project and thanked Kiwanis for their leadership.

Ben Kolly, representing Tri Rivers Little League, offered \$10K to begin building a new little league ball field #6, which is proposed to be in the south east quadrant of Cooperation Park, near the Masons property.

Dave motioned that TTPC approve the proposal, and that the Tuscarora Township Parks Commission contribute a new well for irrigation. Furthermore, Ben Kolly is to create a plan for this project, including fundraising and work closely with TTPC throughout this project. It is understood that TTPC has responsibility for this project and has final approval throughout this endeavor. Tom seconded, and the motion carried.

Herm Boatin, representing Mullet Area Preservation Society, presented a proposal for a demonstration boat wash for invasive species prevention to be held June 23 or 24. He will work with TTPC to determine the most suitable location.

Petoskey Travel Baseball League would like to use the fields at Cooperation Park for three weekend tournaments: June 22-23, June 29-30, and July 13-14. This will be all day Friday and Saturday on those weekends. They have made a donation of \$300 for use of our community fields. After a short discussion we approved the events.

Debbie Willey, representing the Indian River Chamber of Commerce, presented several reservation requests for summer events. She asked about the feasibility of moving Rhythm on the River Wednesday events to DeVoe park. We agreed that this makes sense. She will provide reservation requests for these.

Debbie also talked about plans for a RV / Boat / Car show as part of Spring Fling June 2.

Next regular meeting: May 10, 2018 at 1400 hrs.

Respectfully submitted April 13, 2018 by Jim Burke