

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
September 16 DRAFT minutes

Present were Jennifer Andrew via phone, Doug Schofield, Pat McGinnis, Beau DePauw, and Jim Burke.

Visiting were Dawn Webb, Will Mulligan, Mike Ridley, and Scott Lange.

The meeting was called to order at 1400 hrs.

Beau motioned, Pat seconded approval of the August meeting minutes with Jennifer's amendment to clarify that Will takes direction from Doug concerning Octoberfest use of the ice pavilion. Approved.

Scott talked about the Northern Michigan Travel Baseball League, which he represents. They would like to use the ball fields, field 3 specifically. They'd like to have tournaments and are willing to pay their fair share. This will help to better utilize our fields. Scott will provide a proposal to our committee when we meet in October that will detail the number of games and tournaments. All were in favor and appreciative of Scott's involvement. There is good potential for increased revenue here. Jennifer will coordinate scheduling with all involved.

Ball field 6 needs diamond dust. The scoreboard needs to be erected. Doug's working on both issues. Motion by Pat, seconded by Beau to have Randy August provide gravel and grading for field 6 bleachers. Unanimous.

The chamber of commerce "Octoberfest" has been rescheduled for October 9 at the ice arena.

Mike is working on options for the sturgeon sculpture irrigation.

We continued discussion of generating revenue for our parks, which includes annual and daily parks passes which will be free to township residents. The focus will be Cooperation Park, Marina Park and Devoe Beach. All agreed that Cooperation Park is the low hanging fruit. We also agreed that we need to get a plan together for the ice rink right now. We would like to schedule a workshop real soon to work out an initial plan.

We approved Mud Brothers use of lower Marina Park for parking October 16. Motion by Pat, seconded by Beau; unanimous. We also approved use of the ice rink for the ILS homecoming dance.

The meeting concluded at 1530 hrs. Motion to adjourn by Pat, seconded by Beau.

Next meeting October 7 at 1400 hrs. in the township hall.

Respectfully submitted September 18, 2021 by Jim Burke