

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
December 2, 2021 meeting minutes DRAFT

Present were Jennifer Andrew, Doug Schofield, Pat McGinnis, Dave Meckstroth, and Jim Burke. Visiting were Jay Reidsma, Kurt Kovton, Scott Lange, and Mike Ridley.

The meeting was called to order at 1402 hrs.

Pat motioned to approve the November 2 meeting minutes; Dave seconded. Approved.

The scoreboard for ball field 6 is ready to go up. Consumers will set the poles. We need infield mix. Doug will work with Burt Lake Christian Church to find out where they procured theirs, which looks to be acceptable. It will have to go down first thing in the Spring.

We established January 13 at 1330hrs as the Five Year Plan community input meeting. It will be posted at township hall and appear twice in the *Resorter*. Our regular meeting will follow at 1400hrs.

Parks revenue ideas:

- Advertising banners inside the rink: 3'X3' are \$40. ILS can organize for a cut. Varsity baseball and softball fields too.
- Donation box at ice rink
- Raffle the use of the end of Veterans Pier for Independence Day fireworks
- Rental fees for ball fields and soccer fields for tournaments.
- Parks passes – undecided for township residents, but make them the same as boat launch passes.
- Scott Lange talked about the potential for two baseball tournaments this year, which he is willing to organize. Each will have 48 teams and each team will pay a \$100 gate fee.

After discussion, Jim motioned that TTPC put a **Parks millage** on the Spring 2022 ballot. Dave seconded; all are in favor. This will require a lot of work to organize and campaign for, but we all agree that this is the way forward to provide for the future of maintaining our many parks facilities. This will also present accounting challenges, as our workforce is a shared resource with the township and is significant.

At 1535 Jim motioned and Pat seconded that we adjourn.

Next meeting is January 13 at 1330 hrs. for Five Year Plan public input; 1400 hrs. for our regular Parks Commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted December 4, 2021 by Jim Burke