

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
February 10, 2022 DRAFT meeting minutes

Present were Jennifer Andrew, Doug Schofield, Pat McGinnis, Dave Meckstroth, Beau DePauw, and Jim Burke.

Visiting were Sallie Snyder, Janet Vance, Mike Ridley, Ron Demouth.

The meeting was called to order at 1403 hrs.

Dave motioned and Pat seconded to accept the January meeting minutes as written. Carried.

Sallie, as past Marina Park Commission Chair explained the history of lowering the railroad grade and subsequent creation of Marina Park. Her focus was Lower Marina Park and why there are limitations with its' use. She explained that there is an old gas plume there, and it should not be disturbed. Additionally, the water table is very high there, rendering the ground unstable for use by commercial equipment. There is also an irrigation system there. The Parks Commissioners all agree that the use of Lower Marina Park be restricted to foot traffic and boat launch overflow parking, and that the Summerfest carnival not be permitted there. Jim will draft language to be added to the Parks Reservation Policy that speaks to that.

We discussed the importance of WIFI at Devoe Beach and Cooperation Park. Pat and Mike will investigate.

ILS has agreed to pay \$21K this year, which includes \$7500 annual field rental and additional one time funding for field six infield upgrade to red clay. Jim motioned and Dave seconded that the Parks Commission pay the initial \$14K for field six infield. The motion passed. The total cost for the infield is \$26,460.

We also discussed Little League placing banners along field one fence for fundraising. Beau and Doug will work together on this.

Nico is working on our Five Year Plan, which should be ready to review in March.

At 1503 Jim motioned and Pat seconded that we adjourn.

Our next meeting is planned for March 10, 2022 at 1400 hrs. in township hall.

Respectfully submitted February 11, 2022 by Jim Burke