

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
September 8, 2022 APPROVED meeting minutes

Present were Doug Schofield, Pat McGinnis, Jennifer Andrew, Beau Depauw and Jim Burke. Also in attendance were Mike Ridley, Linda Dowd from Kiwanis, and Brian Pollak and Dave Gallinat.

The meeting was called to order at 1400 hrs.

Pat motioned and Jim seconded to accept the August meeting minutes as written. Carried.

Brian and Dave presented an overview of pickleball nationwide and in northern Michigan. There was much information presented and we'll continue discussion in subsequent TTPC meetings. There were several good examples of what we could do with the ice rink to accommodate pickleball during the warmer seasons. Of note, the consensus is that simply repairing the existing tennis / pickleball courts will be a costly temporary repair. For now, we've abandoned the idea of resurfacing them, which is estimated to cost \$45K with no guarantee.

Linda informed us that the Kiwanis pavilion at Cooperation Park playground is intended to be a joint endeavor. Doug has the playground closed for a couple of weeks to reconstruct it. There is grant money to provide ground rubber substrate as required by ADA.

The soccer field well pooped out and is being replaced for \$10K from the 101-751-930-00 account.

Marineland remains to have an irrigation system installed and grass seeded. We will transfer \$3K from 101-751-930-00 to 101-751-947-01 to pay for this. The proposed native sculpture will require a substantial foundation, which TTPC is not responsible for.

The Devoe Beach wall will be extended to the north to contain the blowing sand to the beach area at a cost of \$3K. The money will come from the Veterans Pier account.

The Womens' Club donated a new swingset to replace the broken one at Marina Park.

The Township Board discussed a swimming – docking hazard at the Greendocks and suggested marker buoys. We have a better idea, which is to eliminate tieup capability in the downstream swimming area. We'll post signage to that effect.

Pat motioned and Jim seconded approval of the Mud Brothers event this Fall. Doug will talk to them about the Onaway bridge, which is scheduled to be completed before the event. All agreed.

At 1600 Beau motioned and Pat seconded that we adjourn.

Our next meeting is planned for October 13, 2022 at 1400 hrs. in township hall.
Respectfully submitted September 9, 2022 by Jim Burke