

Tuscarora Township Parks Commission  
February 9, 2023 APPROVED meeting minutes

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

Also in attendance were Jane McGinnis, Ellie Barney, Trudy Maves, Mike Ridley, Jay Reidsma, Ron Odenwald, Sam Fairbairn, Scott Lange, Mary Bauer, Janet Vance, and Rich Miller .

The meeting was called to order at 1400 hrs.

We amended the January minutes as written and approved them to include verbiage about the bid policy. Jim moved, Beau seconded.

Sam Fairbairn talked about the Top of Michigan Outboard Racing Club plans for the boat races this year, which is their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She and Doug have done a great job of coordinating in the past and will continue to do so. The club would like to make and place a bench or table in commemoration of the event; TTPC is fine with that. They also plan to have a dinner this year for the racers and families.

Scott Lange discussed plans for baseball tournaments June 16 -18, with eight divisions that comprise 48 teams. They'll charge \$550 and \$650 per team, with \$100 per team going to the township. Scott anticipates as many as 10,000 people coming to town for this event, and plans to coordinate with businesses and the Chamber of Commerce. We'll need to bring in portapotties. There may be a second event July 14 -16, with only one division.

We discussed watering of flowers with the new water wagon donated by the Women's Club. Doug has a handle on the process; he may do it himself early in the morning. He plans to use his personal ATV. The waterwagon will be stored in the RedBarn. The DDA agreed to pay \$3500 for maintenance fees.

The budget is in disarray, partly due to RedBarn cost overruns relative to grant deficiencies. Doug, Pat, and Jay plan to meet February 10 at 0600 hrs to sort it out.

Ball field six still needs work to be playable in the Spring. Between Doug, Beau, and Lee Nash it'll be ready for play when the weather breaks. The playground is ready; we need to figure out what to do with the old equipment. We can't sell it because of liability concerns.

Kiwanis prefers a wooden gazebo rather than a sail over the playground picnic area.

The RedBarn irrigation system is complete. It will be seeded in the Spring. The new swingset for Marina Park playground is in the barn.

Janet discussed the Capital Improvement Plan; we'll talk about it more in the future. It's meant to prioritize new projects over \$15K beyond the operational budget.

After discussion, Janet and Jay agreed to make hard copies of the new policy manual available to all commissioners, DDA, airport, library, police, and planning commission members.

Our homework for the next meeting is to review the Parks Commission job descriptions and to walk the Mingo Trail Enbridge property that they want to offer to the township. Mike Ridley will talk with Enbridge to understand if this is a free offer. Our assignment is to consider if we are interested in developing the property into something that benefits the township residents.

#### Public comments

Ron Odenwald cautioned us not to speculate in real estate (Enbridge property), but if it can be used for the good of the residents, it should be considered. He also invited us to drop by the Indian River Golf Club any Monday at 11:30 for lunch and a Kiwanis meeting.

At 1527 Jennifer motioned and Jim seconded that we adjourn.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 9 , 2023 at 1400 hrs.

Respectfully submitted February 11, 2023 by Jim Burke