

Approved MINUTES
Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
Regular Meeting February 04, 2025 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1800 Hours.

Board members present: Beth Henderson, Stacey Cole, and Patrick McGinnis. The Parks Maintenance Supervisor, Doug Schofield, was also present.

Board Members absent: Gayle Hall and Andrew Cole.

The Parks Commission has a quorum.

NOTE: Gayle Hall arrived after the roll call was made.

Beth Henderson made a comment requesting all board members to let her know if they have not received a Board Packet the Sunday before a Parks Commission Meeting.

There were no Public Comments on Agenda Items.

A motion to approve paying the bills was made by Stacey Cole and seconded by Patrick McGinnis. Stacey Cole asked for clarification on why the Parks was paying a bill name as Chamber Sewer Bill. It was explained that the public restrooms beside the chamber building are Parks responsibility.

A motion to approve paying the bills was made by Stacey Cole and seconded by Patrick McGinnis. All members present voted in favor.

A motion to approve the January 7, 2025 minutes was made by Stacey Cole and seconded by Patrick McGinnis. All members present voted in favor.

A motion to approve the new application form was made by Patrick McGinnis and seconded by Stacey Cole. All members present voted in favor.

A motion to approve the new contract for rental form was made by Stacey Cole and seconded by Patrick McGinnis. All members present voted in favor.

Parks Maintenance Supervisor Doug Schofield gave an update on the Parks Grant. There is approximately \$10,620.00 remaining out of the original \$100,000.00.

It was suggested that Doug move ahead with getting two new scoreboards for the baseball fields. They would cost \$3,500.00 each.

A motion was made by Stacey Cole and seconded by Patrick McGinnis to have Doug order the two new scoreboards. All members present voted in favor.

There was no Youth Update Report.

A motion was made by Patrick McGinnis and seconded by Stacey Cole to accept Alan Maves request to be appointed to the Park Commission. This request would be forwarded to the Tuscarora Township Board of Trustees for their approval. All members present voted in favor.

A discussion was held concerning the requirement for new restrooms at DeVoe Beach. It was decided to gather more information on the restrooms at DeVoe Beach before proceeding.

Under New Business Patty from Big Bear and Stacey Sherman and Richard Lincoln from Nor' East Outdoors, both local Indian River businesses, were present.

They were asked to advise Doug whenever they expected to have any group that would need to use Parks facilities. Both businesses stated that they would make sure that their insurance would add coverage for Tuscarora Township. A follow-up discussion would be held at the end of the summer season.

A discussion was held to bring Dennis back to work early to cover for Doug while Doug is out on medical leave. A motion to approve was made to bring Dennis back to work on February 10th by Patrick McGinnis and seconded by Stacey Cole. All members present voted in favor.

A discussion was held concerning this season's Travel Baseball. It was recommended that Toby McFarlane of travel baseball communicate with Patrick McGinnis concerning expected needs and requirements. Patrick McGinnis would keep all board members up to date on any discussions. This will make it easier for the Parks Commission to make an informed decision when Mr. McFarlane comes before the board later this spring.

A motion to accept this arrangement was made by Stacy Cole and seconded by Beth Henderson. All members present voted in favor.

DNR is hosting a Recreation Grants Webinar on February 6th at 1:00 p.m. Beth Henderson and Gayle expect to attend.

NLEA is hosting an Economic Alliance-Catalyst on February 11th, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Patrick McGinnis and Doug Schofield plan to attend.

Application for rental of Park Facilities were presented for ToonTime, BLPA and the Indian River Women's Club. A motion to approve the request made by ToonTime and BLPA was made by Gayle Hall and seconded by Stacey Cole. All members present voted in favor.

A motion to approve the application for rental by the Indian River Women's Club was made by Patrick McGinnis and seconded by Gayle Hall. All members present voted in favor.

There were Public Comments made: First one was by Doug Scholfield thanking the Indian River Women's Club for the benches, for DeVoe Beach, they donated to the Parks Commission.

The second comment was made by Allen Maves. Mr. Maves felt that Big Bear and Nor' East Outdoors should be required to have a reservation to use Parks property.

Board Comments: Gayle Hall recommended that the Parks Commission develop a list of groups that are exempt from paying for rentals.

Patrick McGinnis advised the Parks Commission that he was being sued and that the suit required him to retain all records until the suit is finalized.

Beth Henderson thanked the Women's Club for their donation of the new benches

A Motion to adjourn was made by Stacey Cole and seconded by Patrick McGinnis. All members voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 1910 Hours.