

APPROVED MINUTES
Tuscarora Township Parks Commission
Regular Meeting April 15, 2025 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1759 Hours.

Board members present were, Beth Henderson, Allen Maves, Stacey Cole and Andrew Cole and Patrick McGinnis.

Parks Superintendent Doug Schofield was also present.

Board Members absent: Gayle Hall.

The Parks Commission have a quorum.

There were no Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Beth Henderson made a Board Comment on the agenda. Beth removed item two under New Business and replaced it with a request from the Top O' Michigan Race Club.

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

Beth Henderson showed the new Tee Shirts, for the Parks Department crew, to the board.

Beth Henderson announced that the Parks Commission would be using a new bill paying system.

A motion to approve the Minutes for March 04, 2025 was made by Allan Maves and seconded by Stacey Cole. All members present voted in favor.

Parks Superintendent Doug Schofield gave an update on the youth grant for cooperation park. Doug mentioned that the users of the pickleball courts would like to have wind screens placed around the courts. Allan recommended that we wait until after the new baseball scoreboards were installed and see how much funding remained.

Pat McGinnis gave an update on the use of “QR codes” at the boat launch and the Ice Rink. It was suggested to check with the bank on their requirements. Item was continued until next meeting.

No decision was made on how to replace the bricks at Veterans Pier.

No update was made on the status of Parks and Townships responsibilities.

A discussion was held on repairing the wall and sand at DeVoe Beach. Doug recommended removing the wall to reduce liability and replace when funding was available. Doug had Elmer’s provide an estimate of \$9,800.00 to replace and groom the sand at the beach.

A motion was made by Stacey Cole and seconded by Pat McGinnis the have Elmer’s do the sand work at DeVoe Beach provided that they would hold the billing until July.

Beth Henderson asked board members to try to attend the DDA meeting on Monday April 21st at 1900 hours to listen to Lindsay Clark, of MEDC, to give an update on grant funding.

A motion was made to allow the Top O’ Michigan to use Devoe Beach from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon the second weekend of August. Allan Maves made the motion and Pat McGinnis seconded. All members present voted in favor.

A discussion was held on safety concerns at the Green Docks between swimmers and boat traffic. Pat McGinnis said he plans to place a time lapse camera at the green docks on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend as well as the Fourth of July weekend. The possible placement of warning signs was also discussed.

A discussion was held concerning the proposed new bathrooms at Devoe Beach.

A discussion was held concerning having a Parks Festival. No final decision was made.

No update on the Trail Head was given because of the Ice Storm.

A motion to allow the travel baseball league to use the ballfields at Cooperation Park July 25th thru July 27th 2025. Pat McGinnis made the motion and Allan Maves seconded. All members present voted in favor.

A motion was made to list for sell a Parks Truck and Trailer. Stacey Cole made the motion and Allan Maves seconded. All members present voted in favor.

A motion was made to allow Doug to hire a seasonal employee for the summer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. The motion was made by Beth Henderson and seconded by Allan Maves. All members present voted in favor.

A discussion was held concerning the damage caused by the Ice Storm.

A discussion was held concerning replacement of ballast rocks at Veterans Pier.

There was one public comment concerning a looking for a DNR or PIE&G Grant.

There were no Board Comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 1915 hours.