

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Ridley, Fisher, Waldron

Members absent: None

25 citizens were in attendance

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as previously published.

Fisher moved and Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Planning Commission – Mike Cherveney reported that the Commissioners have decided to recommend M. C. Planning & Design to update the Master Plan, and that they are working on updating their By-Laws.

Marina Park – Craig Waldron reported that there will be a public hearing Monday, March 30, 2009, for the abandonment of Club Road and the tube over the Little Sturgeon River.

Beautification Committee – Bobbi Balazovic reported that the focus of the committee is the Village Green, garbage receptacles and the area under the Indian River Bridge. Weather permitting, the benches will be out in April.

Police Report – The snowmobile patrol had another busy month, and this upcoming weekend should be the last weekend that they will be patrolling the trails.

Airport Report – Nothing new to report, plowing has slowed somewhat.

Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$869,261.36, the tax account has \$644,498.19 without interest or bank fees.

Debi Stuart from MEDC gave a presentation on how Downtown Development Authorities are formed and what they are permitted to do, and how they are funded.

Waldron moved to approve the Chamber's request to utilize Marina Park, DeVoe Beach, the Village Green and the Township Parking lot for SummerFest activities July 15-19, 2009 with the time change for the Biathlon from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on July 19, 2009. McGinnis supported the motion and it carried.

Fisher moved to approve the Resolution authorizing Tuscarora Township to submit an application for funding for the Northern Portion of the proposed Indian River Pathway in conjunction with the Tuscarora Township DDA. Balazovic supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes.

Waldron moved to approve Tuscarora Township entering into a partnership agreement with the DNR to create a design/development master plan for the North Country State Trail corridor and Marina Park properties that will include trailhead facilities such as restrooms, parking, connectivity, signage, etc. The agreement includes the Township leading the effort to get the design development plans completed and a 50/50 cost split up to a total of \$16,000 to pay for the plans. McGinnis supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes; McGinnis yes.

Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to enter into an agreement with Gourdie Frasier to do the preliminary design for the Trailhead/Marina Park facilities if the DNR supplies the Memorandum of Understanding. A roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; McGinnis, yes; Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes.

Fisher moved to approve the Supervisor signing the Memorandum of Understanding between the DNR and the Township for a 50/50 split for the preliminary design. Waldron supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Waldron moved and Fisher supported creating a Township Properties Supervisor position. This position is different than previous in that the Supervisor is for all Township properties, not just Cooperation Park and DeVoe Beach. A roll call vote was taken: Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes; Fisher, yes.

A special meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Township Hall to discuss an employee handbook.

The May, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Board has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 11, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall to accommodate the May school election.

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported the Planning Commission's recommendation to retain M.C. Planning & Design to update the Master Plan for \$9,400.00. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Waldron moved and McGinnis seconded to approve the three year bid from Nieland and Kosanke for the annual audit. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Balazovic moved and Waldron seconded to pay the bills. The motion carried.

Waldron moved and McGinnis seconded to approve the additional payments made in February. The motion carried.

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Susan Fisher, Clerk