

PARK BOARD

February 23, 2026

The February 23, 2026 special Park Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, Chairperson. Park Board members present were Jon Blackburn, Cathy Browne, Dean Leonard, Kate Niederkohr, Erin Smith, and Bill Sturgeon.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Todd Karg, Parks Manager; Natalie Mouser; Julia Lemire; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the repair of the bridge across the pond in Harrison Smith Park.

Mr. Leonard reported on a recent meeting with Schalk Brothers Inc., 3481 N Township Road 69, Tiffin, Ohio 44883 who provided three estimates for this project as follows:

- \$15,000.00 – Leaving the existing bridge / removing wing walls / placing rip rap along all corners along with fabric to try and protect from further erosion / replace approach slabs.
- \$24,925.00 – Remove existing wingwalls/backwalls and approaches from each side of the bridge. Replace with new concrete wingwalls and concrete approach slabs. Existing abutment walls to remain in place unless something seen during construction that needs addressed.
- \$34,800.00 – Move existing bridge approximately 25’ west from existing site. Project consists of driving 8” H-Pile and encasing piling in 10’ wide x 12” thick concrete wall. Concrete approach slabs 7’ x 10’. Reset bridge onto new abutments / complete removal of existing concrete walls and reshape and regrade existing banks.

It was noted that the project costing \$24,925.00 could be a possibility depending on what is under the existing abutments and if they are repairable.

A motion was made by Mr. Sturgeon, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to approve Schalk Brothers Inc., 3481 N Township Road 69, Tiffin, Ohio 44883, to proceed with the bridge project in Harrison Smith Park at a cost not to exceed \$34,800.00. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, Chairperson