

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2017,
Newbury Town Hall

Present: Judy Barnhart, Mark Fritch, Wayne Mansfield, Jim Stephancin, Roger Mezak, Carol Draybak,

Guests: Glen Quigley, Kimya Mathews and mother, Maggie Zack

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., minutes of November meeting read and approved.

Board Positions:

Roger motioned to have Carol appointed as chairwoman due to her organizational skills with Less's resignation. Wayne seconded. Carol was concerned about being able to attend trustee meetings, however Wayne usually in attendance. Carol asked for a co-chair of someone with more experience on park procedures, Judy volunteered to co-chair, Carol accepted nomination. -Jim presented Carol with a plaque thanking her for organizing bicentennial events. -Wayne told Carol we would like to have a bench installed with a plaque in her name at a park of her choice. A cake was shared to thank Les for his years of service but was unable to attend due to illness. Leftover Cake would be dropped off at his house after meeting. -Les's official resignation was presented at the last trustee meeting

Oberland Park.

Conservation Easement:

Ed Meyers, a retired attorney from Newbury, who worked for Western Reserve Land Conservancy, volunteered to review easement document and speak to and guide the board and trustees on the process. Carol asked for a copy of the proposal to see what is included.

Might be able to get mitigation money for the wetlands in back.

-Carol asked about a schedule to take care of park, such as fertilizing soccer field.

-township uses the same company to fertilize the soccer field as in the past.

-need to make garbage can lids to keep animals out.

-Judy would prefer a separate recycling container with a hole in the lid to restrict garbage.

-Kimya Mathews asked about soccer field drainage. Roger suggested sand slitting.

-Budget for next year is \$10,000 same as this year. \$175,000 from sale of Grange Park earmarked for maintenance of Oberland Park, including wages.

-Suggestion of ways to raise money for the park such as selling advertising on the fences.

-there are recreational grants available for restrooms. Carol would like to learn how to write grants, competition is tight.

Application for reserving pavilion should be put on the website too.

Veterans Park

-Independent tree fertilized the trees

-Lighted Christmas tree was erected on December 10, with lights set on a timer.

-Glen just mailed paperwork for a nature works grant to be used for paving the walkways.

-need a bench by the flag burning area. Scouts built a receptacle at the American Legion hall. When there are enough flags, they will burn them.

-Mark passed around a website picture of a bench style that comes in different colors made of recycled plastic that will not need painted like wood does costing \$235. Bench just needs put together.

-Roger passed out a copy of a letter requesting a flag pole at Veterans Park in honor of his father, which Roger will pay for it. Pole to be 5" commercial 25' tall with a solar light purchased from the flag store, pole to be installed by Dave Wicks. Discussion on best location as area has not been completely graded suggested areas included near flag burning pit or closer to the corner. Unknown at this time where future military flags may go. Glen will need to have Impulliti finish design work over the winter before it can be installed. Roger would like to give a 45 day deadline.

Other

-Carol would like to have a calendar on the website listing all township activities for nonprofit organizations such as American Legions, Kiwanis, Fire Department, School board. Need to talk to Sue Wagner to have the web designer set up the calendar, share the info with the school board.

-Carol asked about Park Board mission statement and what we are responsible for doing. A mission statement was developed when we were first organized.

-Wayne told Carol we would like to have a bench

Next regular meeting Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at town hall.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary