

# Newbury Township Park Board

## Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2018,

Newbury Town Hall

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

Guests: Tim Alldredge, Jessica Alldredge, Pamela Braun, Lad and Dave Lebonovich, Susan Arnold.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m., minutes of February meeting read and approved with minor corrections

### **2018 Budget:**

Carol was told by Glen that an additional \$4500 for a community picnic was denied at the trustee meeting, this was questioned by Susan Arnold who was at the meeting. Park Board has the budgeted \$10,000 to spend. NOPEC is giving us a contingency grant for \$1500 to use where needed, they would like an information table at the event they sponsor to explain their organization.

### **Oberland Park.**

#### a. Maintenance:

Per Wayne, the Information Board at the trailhead needs new Plexiglas, the signs in the pavilion need replaced as well.

#### b. Eagle Scout Project:

Lad Lebonovich presented two projects he'd like to do for his Eagle Scout project. One was a kiosk located at the south west corner of the park near the school which will have a map that includes the baseball field. His second proposal was for a sign at Veterans Park. This project was preferred as there is no sign at the park. Lad will need to work with Glen and Dan from Impulitti Landscaping to make sure his sign fits in with their design. The sign could be at the corner near the flag poles or near the shelter that could block the electrical panel. Would also need approval from the American Legion. Lad will come to the April meeting to present a more detailed plan.

Soccer field Fertilization: the fertilizer contract from last year has been cancelled. Les will do a soil test when the ground dries up, hopefully by late March. Carol will get soil test kits from Soil & Water, takes a couple weeks to get results. Field 5 should be fertilized too as the young kids use that field totaling about 14 acres.

#### Trash Receptacles:

Wayne met with scout leader to see if there is a scout who would like to make containers for both Veterans and Oberland Park.

#### Porta potties:

Sue ordered the potties; they will be delivered April 2.

#### Dog waist Receptacles:

Wayne had prices from a catalogue which were very expensive. Discussion on if we can make our own and fill with plastic grocery bags. This could be part of the scout trash receptacle project. Carol motioned to fabricate them receptacles in house, Judy seconded.

#### Proposed Walking Trail:

Roger brought some prices without geotextile, 4' wide trail around soccer fields. Figured would need 1000 ton of pea gravel. Arms trucking cost \$21,000. Asphalt grinding is an alternate material choice, Roger will get prices. Discussion if need to remove top soil to put in a base.

Could reduce length of trail by continuing park drive to field 5 for emergency access and making part of trail grass. Mark suggested using crushed gravel and could probably get a donation.

#### Recognition Plaques:

Suggestion to get engraved bricks to use as recognition for people who donated to the park. Need to get prices. Suggestion to check with Sheffield Monument in Chagrin Falls. If get engraved signs from Great American Awards would need to be installed high enough in the pavilion, possibly around the windows to discourage vandalism. Carol to check on prices. Engraved bricks could be used where rain run off occurs.

#### Conservation Easement:

Carol spoke with Brett Rodstrom of WRLC about wetland mitigation. There will be nothing in the easement prohibiting the township from seeking wetland mitigation credits. No other issues of concern from the park board, the next step would be for the trustees to have Brett do a public presentation at a trustee meeting. Roger motioned to have the trustees take this under consideration with the mitigation credit listed under permitted uses, Judy seconded.

#### Skate Park:

Alan Krause is out of town and not able to attend tonight's meeting, will come to the April meeting to present his project. Proposed location is east of the volleyball court, built with money they raise, no public funds.

### **Veterans Park**

#### a. Construction Update:

No update Glen not in attendance. Flag poles were donated at last night's trustee meeting; only need one more flag donated.

#### b. Eagle Scout Flag Retirement Project:

Rafe Proctor not in attendance, Per Pam Braun of American Legion stated the base is poured. She recommends not having a public burning ceremony; it's a very solemn ceremony.

#### Park Benches:

Glen is in the process of getting grants from Lowes and Home Depot. Wayne had a picture of benches from The West Woods built with 2x4s and recycled wood for the seats and back. We could build them ourselves and put in concrete. Wayne will get prices on material.

Discussion on the actual number of benches needed according to the landscape plan, may be 11-14. Carol suggested getting a recommendation from Impulliti on what they recommend to complement the landscape plan.

### **2018 Events**

- a. Concert: "No Moss to play on Friday, June 15. Glen was checking with local restaurants to see if they would do a taste of Newbury. He prefers the concert be held at Veterans Park so people can see the progress. The Chamber of Commerce who sponsors the concert also donated to Veterans Park. Discussion on parking and safety of kids running around close to the roads if held at Veterans Park. Majority of the board preferred concert be held at Oberland Park due to safety concerns. Carol motioned to hold concert at Oberland, Roger seconded.
- b. 41<sup>st</sup> OVI Civil War Re-enactors given two dates to consider September 22 to coincide with the Antique market and October 13 to coincide with the apple butter festival both bring many visitors through Newbury on their way to Burton., Have not heard back from them yet.
- c. Car Show is scheduled for August 25, Committee is together, had a meeting before park board, looking to get donations from same vendors as last year. Music Boosters will do food concessions again.

- d. Community Picnic July 14: Trustees can only spend public tax money on a community picnic according to the county. Discussion on if should go with a licensed food vendor or cook our own food to save money. Carol was questioned last year by the health department on how food was handled, was told we had a business with a food license. Too many regulations to handle food ourselves. Susan suggested using the Boosters who have a concession stand nearby. Wait until money issues clarified before making any decisions

**Other**

Website Calendar: this is a work in progress

Les Ober status as Park Board member: Jim Alldredge asked about status of Les on the Park Board, we were not sure. He stated he would like to be considered. Discussion on process, whether it needed to be advertised to give others an opportunity to apply could put on the website. He will attend next month's meeting to be interviewed.

Next regular meeting Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at town hall.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary