

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2019,

Town Hall

Present: Judy Barnhart, Wayne Mansfield, Mark Fritch, Jim Stephancin, Tim Aldridge
Guests:

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. Minutes of March read and approved with minor corrections.

Oberland Park:

-Jim, Judy and Tim worked on downed trees on March 23, clearing the trails using Tim's 4x4. There is still a hanging branch near the south east corner where a possible activity station could go. A couple benches were frost heaved out of the ground and need fixed.

-Wayne attended the last trustees meeting and asked for two tons of gravel for the trails. One or two culvert pipes are needed in the really wet areas, could also use larger stone around the pipes. Gravel was approved by trustees. Doug will deliver to the parking area so the scouts can help spread.

-Porta potties: the porta pottie that was delivered is different than ones used in the past and is too small, so needs replaced.

Entrance rock: Judy will begin weeding around the rock tomorrow before it gets out of control. A work day to spread mulch was scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. before the trustee meeting.

Restrooms: No update

Veterans Park

-Greg Tropf has someone who would like to talk to park board about trees. Judy has already given Glen a list of native trees that provide seasonal interest. Jim will contact Sue Mullet about her offer to donate some trees.

Pins are in place that mark the edges of the walkway and can be used to locate tree planting sites. There are 5 trees down the middle with one south of the gazebo.

-still waiting on GAR to pave walkways, park was supposed to be first on their spring jobs

Community Events:

Art in the Park: Tim met with the gallery owner who said it's too late this year to schedule an event as most vendors have their events booked. Will offer her a date next year

Concert July 30:

Car Show August 24 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m.:

Memorial Day Picnic

NOPEC grant the three events to use the money for are \$500 for ice cream at concert, \$500 for Veterans for Memorial Day picnic, \$500 for car show.

Other:

Next regular meeting Thursday, May 9th 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Town hall.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary

Native trees suggested for Veterans Park

(Native trees are adapted to our soil and climate, require less water and fertilizer than ornamentals thus lower maintenance after established, encourages local wildlife)

This list of trees are all good native options. I would try klyn nursery for availability. They were selected based on their seasonal appeal or interest

1. Sugar Maple "Acer saccharum" Geauga county is known for its maple sugaring industry due to the presence of this species, brilliant orange fall foliage
2. Cucumber Magnolia "Magnolia acuminata" large oval leaf, fuzzy winter buds, unique red fruit
3. Tuliptree "Liriodendron tulipifera" tall, fast grower, beautiful spring flower, yellow fall color
4. Shagbark hickory "Carya ovata" found in a variety of soil conditions, shaggy bark, nuts for wildlife
5. Black/Sour Gum/Tupelo "Nyssa sylvatica" brilliant glossy red leaves in fall
6. Pin oak "Quercus palustris" or red oak "Quercus rubra" fast growers
7. Yellow Birch "Betula lutea" curly bark, yellow foliage

For the shrub layer north of the walkway to represent the fencing

*Common winterberry (*Ilex verticillatus*) – intertwining branches will give the illusion of a fence row. produces bright red berries that remain most of the winter as wildlife food, need one male plant for pollination

Oberland Park Grant Support

Oberland Park description: The 88-acre Oberland Park is comprised of 1. large activity field used by the Rec Board for soccer, 3 seasons of the year, nearby baseball fields increase usage 2. two former farm fields are still hayed by the previous owner, a 40-acre mature beach maple forest has been used for maple sugaring for four generations. Massive beech trees provide nuts and cavities for a wide diversity of wildlife, including barred owls. a pair of young owls were observed on a hike in 2014. In spring a wide diversity of wildflowers carpet the forest floor beneath a diversity of understory and canopy trees. Two loop trails wind their way through the woods totaling 1 mile in distance. Local boy scouts have enhanced the property with the addition of trail signs, interpretive panels, a deck overlooking the adjacent wetland. Other scout projects include a patio with grill and prep table, recycle/garbage container, American flag pole at the entrance, flowering Serviceberry trees line the entrance drive.

Judy Barnhart, Newbury Park Board secretary