

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018,

Newbury Town Hall

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

Guests: Tim Alldredge and daughter Andy, Anne Tropf, Cassy Fritch observing for government class

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m., minutes of March meeting read and approved.

Judy recognized for retirement from Geauga Park District.

Open Board position:

Tim Aldridge attended asking to be considered for the open board position. He is a five year Newbury resident with 3 daughters and wants to get more involved with the community.

Presented a copy of his resume. He works for Zenith Systems and is in the electrical union.

Board shared reason's they wanted to be on the board. Wayne motioned to recommend him to the trustees, Roger seconded. Carol will give a copy of his resume to the trustees.

Oberland Park:

Presentations:

-Travis Bailey, proposing disc golf at Oberland Park, stopped in before meeting but couldn't stay will attend a future meeting.

-Alan Krause not in attendance after confirming to discuss skate park.

a. Eagle Scout Project:

No scouts in attendance

Soccer field Fertilization: results of the soil test were presented by Carol who met with Eric Draper. Four samples were taken at locations recommended by Eric.. Soil analysis mailed to Penn State, each field has different pH and recommendations. Data will be presented to trustees, Eric available to meet with trustees if needed. Wayne will check what other townships are doing with their soccer fields. Soil application recommended in late summer or fall while grass is dormant. It was treated last fall so should be good for this soccer season. Roger suggested checking with Bob Forth in Auburn. Carol sent Marty Sanders of Rec board a note that soil testing was done.

Recognition Plaques:

-Carol checked with *Great American Awards*: they do wooden plaques with metal name plates costs \$75 for base, header plate and one name.

-*Sheffield Monuments* works with Van Ness stone, they do laser engraving on stone such as what was done on entrance walkway at The West Woods with a mixture of square and rectangle blocks, looks better than all squares. Can use different type of stone, they recommend limestone. They also do walls which hold up better than walkways that get worn down.

-*Designs by Diana* uses laser engraved wood that could be mounted in the eaves. Wayne has some milled walnut and cherry for Diana to make a sample of sizes.

Several board members preferred the wood, Carol will ask Diana to make some samples and get prices. Board needs to compile a list of names to be recognized by project, Judy to do scout, Mark the rock, Jim and Wayne shelter

Conservation Easement:

Trustees have copies of of easement and are reviewing.

Veterans Park

a. Construction Update:

The white pine was planted, the red maples were staked per wayne. The flag pole area was roughed out. Full size drawings showing the walkway with 5 hardwood trees leading to the flag/tank area were distributed. Question was raised what plants were proposed for the hedge to represent the wooden gates constructed on Omaha Beach to keep boats from coming ashore. Could be made of scrap metal. Need a mound where tank might be, could use boulders from Oberland Park. If shrubs are used for the fence Judy recommends native winterberry, witch hazel or bayberry that will also provide berries for wildlife in winter.

Placement of Commemorative Flags:

Wayne suggested meeting Sunday April 15 at 1:00 to shoot grades. Roger suggested starting with center pole first and shared a handout of how deep the poles are placed.

Several board member met at Oberland Park to look for 4" trees which could be spaded and moved to Veterans Park Impullitti thought it would be too expensive to move trees, recommended buying.

2018 Events

- a. Concert:
- b. 41st OVI Civil War
- c. Car Show.
- d. Community Picnic July 14:

Other

Next regular meeting Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at town hall.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary