

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018,

Newbury Town Hall

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

Guests: trustee Glen Quigley, Ann Tropf, Susan Arnold

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

Oberland Park.

a. Conservation Easement:

Brett Rodstrom of WRLC sent an email 12/29 with attached map of proposed conservation easement with suggested allowances and restrictions. This is time sensitive as they want the field work done by mid-September. Discussion on location of 4-5 acre envelope for development for restroom/storage area and possible research station if OSU needs a location to research the sugar bush woods on the effects of climate change. Area should be near current drive, across from pavilion near power. Front field is not in the conservation easement to save for possible future development. Question was raised if reserved area can be split into two blocks or just one, such as on north end of easement to access stream... Glen inquired if the easement would allow the township to get possible future mitigation money. A motion was made to ask Brett if the township can keep the money, Wayne seconded. Carol will contact Bret Roger suggested a face to face meeting or a phone call rather than an email after this is determined can contact Ed Meyers on the specifics of the easement and present to the trustees. Ed will write the actual proposal.

b. Trash Receptacles:

Besides making a lid to allow for just recyclables, also need to restrict household garbage from being left in pavilion. Jim and Wayne have a design. Need to get a materials list together, Roger can get cost estimates. This would be a reimbursement payment rather than the township paying for the materials. Picnic tables also need stained. Suggestion was raised to see if the scouts are interested or do this project internally. Wayne will contact the scouts.

c. Soccer field drainage: drainage not really an issue according to Susan Arnold whose husband Fred runs the soccer program for the Rec board. In the past low areas have been filled in.

Veterans Park

a. Nature works grant:

Glen sent paperwork in on the current year grant, waiting to hear. A Certificate of Authority from the county prosecutor stating township followed the guidelines of the grant.

b. Eagle Scout Flag Retirement Project:

The foundation is poured for the fire pit, waiting for the scouts to finish when the weather breaks. Rafe Proctor is the scout doing this project. Rafe met with landscape architects to make sure his project fit into the landscape design. Legion will handle the burning when enough flags are collected from their collection bin. Vets are a 501c3 organization and can handle the finances.

c. Park Benches:

Mark has a website of a company Belson Outdoor in Indiana who makes recycled benches. Need a credit application set up for payment. Come in 3 sizes 4, 6, 8. Plan calls for 6 benches. Website showed colors available, cedar with black legs were preferred. Come unassembled, Park board will put benches together. Question was raised if someone wanted to buy a bench, they would have to donate money to township then township purchase, Construction plan calls for paving trails, would be good to install at the same time. Paving will have to go out for bid. Ronyak has already given a price and may donate driveway paving. Carol will contact company to get pricing.

d. Flag of Honor for Louis Mezak.

Three flag poles are already committed: army, navy and U>S. Need to get National Guard and Marines

2018 Events Schedule

- a. 41st OVI Re-enactors from last year have asked Carol twice if they can come out again to Veterans Park, currently working on their summer schedule. This is not a big expense for the township, just breakfast and lunch for the re-enactors and porta-potty rentals and possible sheriff for parking. They are asked not to display the confederate flag; it is a living history program not a battle. Would like to have infantry display this year. Jim volunteered to organize; Carol will contact Jake Leideman to get it started. Glen suggested June 2nd as it is trash clean up day and there is a lot of traffic around town.
(Cake was located behind maintenance garage)
- b. Concert in the Park Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce contacted Glen about doing another concert most likely with “No Moss” again. Glen would like to do a taste of Newbury with it and hold it at Veterans Park. Parking would be available at both churches. Molly Gerber is asking for a date. Wednesday, Thursday or Friday in June or July suggested.
- c. Community Picnic: question was raised if we are doing a picnic again. Food cost about \$3-4000. Mark planning to hold another car show the last weekend in August.

Other

Susan Arnold brought a list of suggestions for Oberland Park i.e. Open the park in winter for dog walkers, make a walking path around the perimeter of the recreational field for seniors who have a hard time walking in the woods with the uneven surface. Could use grinding as a surface material. Install poop bag holders to encourage visitors to pick up after their dogs so kids aren't sliding in their waste. Will review at next meeting.

Next regular meeting Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at town hall.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary