

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2018,

Newbury Town Hall

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

Guests: trustee Greg Tropf, Ann Tropf, Les Ober, Tim Aldridge

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

2018 Budget:

\$10,000 is budgeted each year for the park district, reviewed what was spent last year not related to Bicentennial: \$1000 to first energy for lighting, \$992.90 to Aris for porta potty, \$4065 for fertilizer on soccer fields 3 times. Community Picnic cost \$3922.38.

-expenses predicted for 2018 include \$2500 for pavilion painting which should carry over from last year, lawn mower which was just purchased stored in garage will carry over from last year.

-need stain for picnic tables, skate park projected to be constructed this year funded entirely by that group. Jim questioned if Alan received his letter of intent from the trustees Okaying him to proceed with the project.

Oberland Park.

a. Conservation Easement:

Carol spoke with Brett Rodstrom of WRLC about carbon credits which are a form of mitigation credits. Carbon Credits preserve the forest which would be a duplication of the conservation easement. There is nothing in the easement to restrict township from pursuing wetland mitigation. The wetlands have reverted back to land, no longer a marsh, as the beaver left the area. George Marks, adjacent landowner will not approve of another dam being built on his property so wetland mitigation may be a moot point. Les sees no point in holding up the easement with future possibility of wetland mitigation. Carol will follow up with Bret to be sure it is put in the easement. Wetland area about 10 acres. Reviewed allowances and restrictions. Mineral right remain with the township, conservancy only controls above ground usage, board agreed it looked good with no further issues. Question was raised if a public meeting should be held. May need to check what other townships are doing with easements. Easement should put up for discussion on the trustees meeting agenda.

Trash Receptacles:

In progress, Wayne made some drawings still need to contact scouts

Staining Tables:

Per Roger, Sherwin Williams has a material called Deck & Dock that would be good. It's expensive but they often have sales on it. It lasts 5 years or more. Township has an account with Sherwin Williams. Will wait until spring to proceed.

Soccer field drainage: received a complaint about the soccer field, Wayne saw no issues when he walked it. If something comes up in the future we will deal with it.

Fertilizing fields: last year's cost was very expensive. Soil has not been tested for a few years. Les will get soil sample when dries up and have Eric Draper test it, hopefully by end of March, then can go out for bid. Jim stated the company had a note on their bill they will plan to do it again next year, need to tell them to hold off until another bid is held. Carol will check on what ingredients were in the fertilizer per request from Les who has used fertilizer many times on his fields.

Veterans Park

a. Nature works grant:

No update Glen not in attendance

b. Eagle Scout Flag Retirement Project:

This is in the scouts hands to finish in spring

c. Park Benches:

Carol contacted Belson Outdoors on prices for their recycled benches. An estimate was passed around of \$602.50 per bench with 6 needed per landscape plan, question if \$175 for shipping was per bench or for all six. Cost will be offered to the community to purchase a bench. Roger proposed other options he took pictures of, fairgrounds benches are put away for the winter, An Amish company had a 42” bench for \$65, 48” bench for \$75. Of treated yellow pine that come assembled. Carter Lumber 2x4 treated bench for \$84. Glen looking into getting grant for benches for Veterans Park from Home Depot. Should look into other products before making a decision.

2018 Events

- a. Concert: Friday, June 15 selected for “No Moss to play. Need to check with Kiwanis wants to do ice cream again. Also need to decide which park to use. Mark suggested having a Chinese lantern release afterwards, Lanterns can cause a problem if winds going wrong way. Fire Department might not approve.
- b. 41st OVI Re-enactors not available in the summer, they are booked. Suggested looking at September or October. Carol or Jim will check with them. Suggestion to do a flag burning ceremony at the same time.
- c. Car Show is scheduled for August 25, Mark will have a meeting soon
- d. Community Picnic: Need to see if trustees are interested in holding a picnic again. July is open, suggestion of weekend after the 4th. Roger motioned to ask trustees for \$4500 for the picnic. Judy seconded. Greg will bring to the next trustee meeting

Other

Website Calendar: the community calendar is about ready to go live with spring events.

Preston’s website links to our website events.

Susan Arnold Recommendations for Oberland Park ran out of time, postponed to next meeting.

Les Ober status as Park Board member: Les stated he never officially resigned from the park board but was asked to by a trustee to resign resulting from an ethics report he was given that stated there was a conflict of interest with him having a contract with the township. The ethics report was referring to a paid Park Commissioner. There is no conflict of interest. Les found out tonight the trustees renewed his contract at last night’s trustee meeting.

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

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary