

Newbury Township Park Board

Special Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2016, Newbury Town Hall

Present: Judy Barnhart, Mark Fritch, Wayne Mansfield, Les Ober, Roger Mezak

Guests: trustee Glen, trustee Bill Skomrock, township secretary and Kiwanis representative Sue Wagner, Kathy from Middlefield Bank and Kiwanis, Marge Hrabak, skate board enthusiast Alan Krause of Independent tree

Meeting called to order at 7:00.

Skate Board Park

-Glen called special meeting to discuss Kiwanis proposal to build a skate board park in Oberland Park

-Skate boarding became a popular extreme sport about 2000

-Kathy from Middlefield Bank was concerned about kids skate boarding in Parking lot around bank and brought idea to build a park to the Kiwanis who is a 501c3 organization and can raise money.

-there are currently skate board parks in Painesville, Mineral Lake Park in Middlefield, behind Chardon high school, Mayfield and Aurora

-typical size varies, about 120 x 60 in p'ville

--biggest concern amongst park board was liability, Glen state the township has blanket coverage of 1-2 million but needs to check if a special rider needs added

-Kiwanis will spearhead the fundraising per Sue Wagner

- -Need to apply for grants to raise money
- -Wayne suggested installing next to volleyball court for visibility and future lighting
- -Alan stated people will use if built far away and shared pictures via cell phone of skate board parks he has visited with his family, they are used by people of all ages.
- Jumps or ramps can be 2-10' tall of various sizes are made of concrete will last longer than asphalt and are quieter
- BMX bikes may be destructive if landing on edge of ramps
- May need to install a barrier or fence between court and soccer fields
- Rectangular shape is preferred such as 50x100 or 60x80 will plan to stake area out to get idea of size.
- Glen would like to have a cook out at the shelter for the next meeting to stake out a possible footprint
- Roger encouraged to join Kiwanis when he retires next year

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Next regular meeting Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 6:30 at Oberland Park for a cook out before regular meeting.

Judy Barnhart – Newbury Park Board Secretary