

# Newbury Township Park Board

## Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2017,  
Newbury Town Hall

Present: Judy Barnhart, Mark Fritch, Wayne Mansfield, Les Ober, Jim Stephancin, Roger Mezak  
Guests: Carol Draybek,

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m., minutes of July meeting read and approved.

### **Oberland Park.**

Les would like to get the conservation easement of the woods, marsh and 7 acre field. He talked to Brett Rodstrom of WRLC, They can get the easement done in 30 days. Trustees were looking into it but haven't done anything yet. Board would like to get something going before the election. Les motioned to have trustees move ahead with a conservation easement on the 49 acre woods, marsh, and hidden meadow. Wayne seconded, passed unanimously, want to make sure future trustees do not sign a timber contract to have woods clear cut. Les will present to Glen when he gets back into town. To put on the next trustees agenda. Wayne will attend trustee meeting next week. Roger recommended having a committee of the whole board meet to review what should be allowed on the property, such as hunting, removal of hazardous trees, question on does WRLC have restrictions on what they allow, Les thought they are open to improvements on the property

Les checking with Kathy Smith on possible research projects for OSU such as comparing woods which haven't been tapped in a while such as the west woods with those that have. Could also do research on invasive species and Climate Change. OSU will need a guarantee the woods will be preserved to do research on it.

### **Veterans Park**

-Glen out of town, sent updates via email including Independent tree has joined forces to help protect existing trees. Electrical installation at the gazebo is complete, while electric was installed, installed a drain tile from gazebo to Auburn Rd culvert, impromptu working on pentagon shaped play area, will do walking trails next, the finish grade. Newbury tire is donating the tires. Zeppes is sponsoring a golf outing with profits going to Vets park, WWII fence is underway, Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce donated \$5000, Doug moved the cake to St Helens for their event

### **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

25 tractors were in the parade on aug 5<sup>th</sup>, only one broke down and didn't make it back to the park, suggestion of doing it again next year.

-Everything is ready for the car show, need more picnic tables= Wayne can move rec board tables from their pavilion over, there are 6 banquet tables down stairs that the township owns. Newbury Music Boosters providing the food. Mark setting up big canopy again. Mark will mow a small section of field north of drive to park overflow cars, Les done haying the field. Expecting 100 cars plus old trucks to be displayed, may need help with parking again. Have 100 goody bags that need stuffed.

-St Helens is set for their swing concert tomorrow night.

### **Park board positions:**

Board would like trustees to appoint Carol to the open park position

Les will stay on park board as there is no conflict with his lease agreement as it is a volunteer position.

The Next regular meeting Thursday, September 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at town hall.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary