# Newbury Township Park Board

**Meeting Minutes**
November 12, 2026
Newbury Town Hall

Present: Judy Barnhart, Mark Fritch, Wayne Mansfield, Jim Stephancin, Joe Zelle
Guests: trustee Dave Lair, Ken McNish

Meeting called to order at 6:30. minutes of October read and approved.

**Oberland Park:**

-Wayne cleared the trails of leaves continuing north from the bench extension along the ravine

-Master Gardeners are looking for a location in the county to plant an oak tree for the 250th anniversary. Oberland Park was suggested as the pollinator garden is there, and the fair board did not have a place for it. Dave and Board approved location suggested by Judy, in the grassy area across from pollinator garden before trail head.

Tree planting: Most Trees were planted October 17, after placed by holes dug by township a few days before. Remaining trees planted the following week. 3-4 red maple left over from spring planting are heeled in the woods. Mark would like some near chimney swift tower. Judy suggested in the center of the West Loop where the elms have died.

-Plaque for Burton Middlefield Rotary to be placed in stone found in the woods which already has a plaque impression in it. Discussion on where to put rock, possibly near 1st tree. Liberty Grove signs will come down.

-Ken McNish attended stating he is ready to tap, still needs to clear out some old tubing and downed trees. He will put up new tubing with help grom Irwin Gingrich. Kevin O'Reilly a Cardinal teacher and advisor of Future Farmers of America who are looking at learning the sugaring process and would like to tap the West Woods loop and possibly boil at Les Ober's sugarhouse. Jeff Burr to assist.

-Bathroom closing: Need about 12 gallons of antifreeze for the 3 toilets. Dave to have Doug get everything ready for closing. Discussion on when to close as it's still been warm. Will post signs about closing. Small heater suggested for Mechanical room. Dave to check with Green Flush on their recommendations for closing. Looking at December 5 to close.

-On busy weekends kids are using 120 gallons to wash, discussed possibly adding gutters to collect water.

-Soccer Federation needs to fix holes in the sod from goalies digging holes when they are bored. Soil available along edge of parking lot. Need to put nets out of the way, suggested behind pickleball court.

Volley ball net needs taken down, will hold off on pickleball as people are still playing in the evening.

**Veterans Park:**

-trenching and conduit completed by Egress with help of township for LED sign. Electric run from drive to the corner. Waiting for sign to arrive, sign company will install. and train Kim in the office how to change wording.

-American flags to be taken down this Sunday November 15 @10:00 a.m. Need to take poles down too and cap the holes. Possibly put up every other flag next year.

Need to decorate for the holidays, blow up characters need to be anchored down better. Date weather dependent possibly weekend before Thanksgiving Dave to let us know. Tree needs ordered.

-The big tires on the playground were pulled out due to risk of injury.

**Events:** Eric's bills have all been paid from the car show.

Next meeting: No December meeting due to the holidays. Next meeting Thursday January 14 at town hall.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary