

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

Nov 14, 2024

Newbury Town Hall

Present: Judy Barnhart, Wayne Mansfield, Mark Fritch, Joe Zelle, Jim Stephancin

Guests: Dave Lair, Bill Skomrock via phone briefly

Meeting called to order at 6:30p.m. Minutes of July read and approved. August meeting car show only. No official meetings in September or October.

Veterans Park:

-Flags to be taken down this Saturday, Nov 16 at 9:00 a.m. then look through light totes

-Christmas tree to be dropped off about Nov 22 or 23. Dave looking at getting more holiday decorations and replacing old lights. Gazebo decorating on Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Oberland Park:

Tractor is ordered to mow grass, it has a brush hog and grapple for trees

Recording Cameras were installed on bus garage and Pavillion. 3 on garage, 4 on pavilion facing future restroom, soccer field and parking lot.

- Contract for Green Flush restrooms to be signed soon, will be paid in installments. Discussion on color with Bill via phone, building is sandstone to match pavilion, metal roof will be red to match shed.

-Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District awarded Newbury township 1st place on public land for the American Basswood tree on the West loop trail The tree measured 80'tall, 56' crown spread, 118" circumference. Judy received a plaque at their fall meeting last month, plaque will be displayed at town hall.

Judy led a Geauga Walkers hike on Tuesday pointing out winter tree ID and big tree plaque, 26 attended.

During Pekin Road repaving project ground asphalt was used to expand parking lot north to tree line, saving money.

Bench near trail head fell apart during parking lot expansion, will replace with a bench from the garage placing near info board, boulder to be moved back.

Tod indicated they want to tap the woods in the spring, will do tree clean up after the leaves fall,

-Wayne indicated will Possibly do trail expansion this fall yet while the ground is frozen

Events:

Mark has been in contact with a Tom Petty/John Cougar Melencamp tribute band about playing next August after car show

Next regular meeting Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Newbury Town Hall.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary