

# Newbury Township Park Board

## Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

Newbury Town Hall

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

Guests: trustee David Laire, Julie Munn

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of January read and approved.

### **Board Positions:**

Julie Munn attended on invite from Dave Lair as possible park board member

### **Veterans Park:**

Need to mulch winterberry shrubs. Have two bales of peat moss left we can incorporate in. Leaf mulch is better than bark mulch for acid loving plants breaks down better. Calculated amount needed for 3-4" 8ft x 180 ft should be 15 yards. Discussed where to get it. Jim to check at work if the city has any available from leaf collections. Judy suggested Monticello Garden center in Chesterland.

-Need to trim around playground and add wood chips. Check with Independent Tree to see if they have any.

The armed forces flag and American flags are down need to check why. Dave inquired about lighting the American flag.

-There are extra flags and flag poles so we can line the south side of the drive with them.

-Need to check control box in the gazebo, the lights are not working. Wayne will check on getting a replacement.

-Flag burning pit needs repaired, some of the bricks are falling in. Jim to check with Kieth Corkwell to see if the scouts can do.

### **Oberland Park:**

-Eric Hammond is looking for a project for his son's football team to do. Wayne and Mark walked a potential trail beginning from small loop going north to tree line then east to loop back along the gully to observation deck. Bob Ruxtell will line the edge of the trail with smaller trees. Football team can haul branches into the woods. No sign of tapping yet.

-Bench near short spur is pushing out of the ground and needs attention relocate it along edge of ravine.

-New table and benched held up good over the winter.

-Need to check if bench donation check has been cashed yet.

Need to check with the Geauga Soccer Federation on filling in the low spot and getting the field fertilized. Was done 2x last year.

-Need to replace two dead serviceberry trees along the trive, Discussion on using something different such as crabapples which bloom the same time as service berry and might do better in the open

-parking lot was filled during a soccer games last fall, discussion on enlarging parking, possibly widening to tree line to get another row in.

Julie will walk to trails and check it out

### **Events:**

No update on Maple Music festival, Bill out of town, Dave believes its in their court. Garbage and something else was the sticking point.

-Car show and concert are on August 24 this year as not to conflict with Geauga Fair on August 31. Tom Petty cover band playing this year again.

-Dave suggested doing a Farmers market in August.

Next regular meeting Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Town hall.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary