

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2025

Old bus garage

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

Meeting called to order after tractor training with John Deere representative Tony Polen. Minutes of September read and approved.

Tractor Training: Tony gave an overview of how to change engine oil and clean screen after mowing grass. He stressed 3 points of contact when getting in cab, steering column has a tilt lever. Put in neutral to start, has independent brakes. Comes with a large brush hog, log grapple and movable blade. Demonstrated operation of blade and grapple. Suggestion to wear safety glasses and ear plugs when operating. Everyone signed off on township training sheet.

Oberland Park:

-Dave reported we will not be using crushed concrete as it is bad for the tree roots. Dave will order washed gravel for trails.

-Pickleball courts asphalt is done. Dave to check with Greg if package includes striping and nets. Jim leveled the excess dirt from courts at end of parking lot with new tractor.

-Jim gave an update on the Eagle Scout project of putting benches by pickleball court. He has abandoned his project as is too busy with work and school. There are some metal benches in the bus garage that can be used instead.

-Dave has new specks for restroom, vault will need to be dug, asked Mark to get a quote for digging vault. Company has been in touch, still plans to begin by the end of the year.

-Dave Terrell left a message that he will be at next trustee meeting to discuss tree planting with Burton Middlefield Rotary. They would like to plant in groups of 50 at a time. How can we help with getting this project completed? We can predig the holes and stake. Put in bare areas in the woods and line new field across the field.

-Need to contact Tod about coming to next trustee meeting about maple sugaring. He was looking into insurance. Need to know if they plan to continue.

Veterans Park:

-need to get Japanese knotweed under control it is very aggressive and will keep spreading.

-Flags will stay up through Veterans Day. Discussion if leaving the poles up. Hard to mow around. There are cups in the ground.

Next meeting Thursday November 13 at town hall

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary