

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2025

Town Hall

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

Meeting called to at 632. Minutes of October read and approved.

Oberland Park:

-gravel was spread on the trails last week and leaves blown off trail for Geauga Walkers' hike

-Judy let the hike last Tuesday in the cold and snow, only 10 people attended due to weather, ½ the typical attendance.

-Dave talked to Dave Terrell about the maple tree planting. We will meet with the Burton Middlefield Rotary this Saturday, Nov 15 at 10:00 to look at where the trees will go. Tree locations can be marked with stakes which are in the town hall garage. Dave can order about 50 sugar maple trees in 3-gallon pots from the same company in Missouri Soil and Water gets their trees from for their plant sale. They could be delivered on the same truck. John Keene of Division of Forestry at Punderson may be able to help with grants to pay for trees.

-Need to talk to soccer club about broken nets, sitting near the shelter, some have been broken for two years. Township will not touch any equipment so there is no finger pointing about any damage., need them to move the nets for mowing.

Dave is working on getting a system in place for soccer field usage with waivers and proof of insurance. Coaches need training on AEDS. AEDS will be collected December 1st and stored at town hall.

-Bob brought in two bags of equipment, clothing and paperwork left on the field after the last usage. Some items Bob returned if names were available. One folder had rosters of Chardon students, raising questions on who is part of soccer federation. Bob made a list of accomplishments this year.

-Bob reported quads are driving across fields. Doug has ordered signs which need to be posted before Shariff can be contacted. He also saw someone sleeping in their car in the parking lot.

-Bathroom update: The company has another delay, need to put off until spring as water lines will freeze - With Bill not getting reelected, he will have to pass overseeing the project to another trustee.

-Dave has not heard back from Tod yet about if they are still going to be sugaring in the woods. Need decision before trail expansion.

-Questions raised if lights are need on pickleball courts.

-Confirmed there will be a light outside restroom and motion lights inside.

-Discussed enlarging parking lot again as soccer parents fill the lot. Can go further east or add move spots west along the drive. Striping the parking lot would help alleviate congestion. Handicap sign needs posted with fines on sign.

-Dave recommended getting another camera on the system facing pickleball courts, some equipment was stolen during construction.

-Wayne will take down volley ball net tomorrow

Veterans Park:

-Dave asked about when to get the Christmas tree and when to decorate Saturday November 29 selected. Tree will then be planted near town hall in spring.

- Will take flags down Saturday after tree hike before rain this weekend. Discussion on if leaving the poles up. Dave will check at next trustee meeting.

Next meeting: Saturday November 15 at 10:00 with Rotary for tree placement

Saturday, November 29 10:00 am tree decorating

No December meeting Thursday January 8 at town hall

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary