

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026

Town Hall

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

Guests, trustee Dave Lair, Eric Hammond

Meeting called to at 630. Minutes of January read and approved.

Oberland Park:

-Green Flush toilets waiting on completion this week, will schedule final inspection date when they arrive

-Ted McNish is interested in tapping the woods. Les and Tod need to get out what they want then Ted will take over, he will help with clean up of woods when needed.

-trustees ok with parking lot expansion.

-Dave got a quote from Ayers well drilling to have gray water for restroom Need to check with the county on inspection regulations.

-two new cameras have come in, one facing restroom, other on drive to catch cars coming and going.

-Need to find someone to do the lighting, Mark suggested John Clark

-Dave talked to Dave Terrell from the rotary, he ordered 25 3-gallon maple trees and 25 5-gallon trees. Doug has fence posts; rotary will provide the fencing. Need to get a trailer to haul the water totes with the tractor for watering, Jim has one he can donate. Ned to order an auger for drilling the holes. Judy stressed the importance of not planting trees too deep need to have root crown right at ground level.

Jim received an email from Max Dahlhausen about doing an eagle scout project. Would like to build a bridge, possibly over at wet area on the trail. Jim will get details.

Judy had contact with Geauga Master Gardeners who have pollinator plants that need a home. We could squeeze some in the entrance rock garden or in the triangle to keep people from cutting through.

-Jim asked if there is someone haying the field, Dave needed to check.

Dave will apply for a grant to get American flags

Veterans Park:

No updates

Events:

Car Show: Eric was interested in the plans for the 250th celebration to coincide with car show. Eric stated people love our car show as it's a beautiful ride through the countryside and grass parking, no hot asphalt. He will use the red white and blue theme in the advertising and signage, will start working on a flyer. Mark would like more sponsors and maybe have a commemorative t-shirt to sell. Need to have parking lot finished to handle all the cars. We can expand east into the parking lot if we get too many cars. Need more people to coordinate traffic flow. Have American Legion involved. Have sheriff and fire department with ladders raised included so kids can look inside vehicles. They need to be able to get out in a hurry if needed. Kids activities include: A bounce house could go near the pickleball court, an ice cream truck shouldn't compete with the soccer team's concessions, face painting and balloon artist, suggestion of hayrides in hidden meadow. Suggestion of doing the banners again like we did for the 200th anniversary made by Designs by Dianna she probably still have the design. Need more advertisement in the Mape Leaf. Need to do layout on a map to see what will fit.

Next meeting: Thursday March 12.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary