

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

March, 12, 2026

Town Hall

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

Guests, trustee Dave Lair, Bill Skomrock, Zeigler Excavating reps, Joe Dahlhausen, Ken and Brian McNish, Green Flush restrooms reps via zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:30 with zoom call with green flush Restrooms.

Oberland Park:

Restroom:

David of green flush will be on site for construction. Restroom is wrapped and ready for delivery. Discussion on if any permits are needed before install, Zeigler will look into it. Bill reported county told him no building permits were needed. It's a prefab unit built to specs of EPA. A disposal plan was needed to be in place before ordering. We should get a zoning permit from township.

A map of location was reviewed including building orientation. David will arrive the day before delivery to inspect hole Zeigler will dig. Truck with unit will arrive day before and driver will sleep in cab overnight. Building comes with the cement vault attached to it. Crane arrives morning of install between 7-8:00 am. Plan to begin install at 9:00 am and finish by 11:00 a.m. Went over site prep plan on depth of hole. Need an electrician to connect to power panel Dave will check on it. Conduit is 1 1/2" Wayne said he can do it. Its already wired with 110 service.

We need to help with unwrapping, need to have a ladder and level on hand. Also need bucket and trowel for mixing concrete. Zeigler has a weed burner for drying. Need to have someone on each corner for alignment when placing on vault. Takes 30-60 minutes to install vault, 1 hr. to set restroom. Can backfill same day after electric hooked up.

Discussed base: needs 8" of 57 gravel Vault is 3 feet need hole 4'4" to level for ADA accessible and drainage.

Discussed install date, Dave needs to check on Permits, David gone 1st week of April. They like to plan Tuesday-Thursday in case of rain Tentatively set April 8.

Eagle Scout project: Joe Daulhausen attended for his son who was sick to discuss his Troop 99 project of installing two bridges on new trail. They met with Wayne a couple days ago to look at locations which can be adjusted as needed. Brought Drawings of bridge with railings. They can also build bird houses. Judy asked about monitoring the boxes, Joe would be happy to do that. Joe will get plans to Dave to get approval from trustees in April.

Maple Sugaring: Ken and Brian McNish attended to discuss taking over the sugaring operation which Les said he can't do anymore. We would like it operational. Lots of trees need cut that are across the lines. They are willing to cut trees to get lines put up, just move wood to edge of trails for our removal. Most of lines need replaced from falling trees and disuse. They walked the woods twice already. When sugaring season is over each year, they can leave lateral lines up just disconnect main lines across trails. Asked about tapping the west woods which hasn't been tapped, many trees have died over the years. They may just do some buckets on those trees. Also discussed thinning young trees so maples can get bigger. Rest of this year will be getting ready for next season. They need to get liability insurance with hold harmless claims for trustees. Dave will work on a lease with Ken and the number of years it will cover suggested 3-5 years to recoup from installation costs

Tree planting: maple trees due to arrive April 14, plan to plant April 18. Geauga Parks rented an auger from CCM which makes planting go much quicker.

Parking lot expansion also planned for April. Judy looking to get tringle garden planted in May with Master gardeners.

Veterans Park:

No updates

Events:

No updates

Next meeting: Thursday April 9 to discuss tree planting.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary