

# Newbury Township Park Board

## Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2026

Town Hall

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

Guests, trustee Dave Lair, Ken McNish,

Meeting called to order at 6:35 minutes of February and March read and approved.

### **Oberland Park:**

*-Tree planting:* maple trees arriving on Tuesday April 14 at the fairgrounds with soil and water tree sales trees. Will put our trees right into a box truck or trailer from Geauga Door to store until ready to plant. Planting scheduled for Saturday April 18 could predrill the holes on Friday depending on weather. 10" Post hole digger on loan from Camp Ho Mita Koda. Judy to oversee proper planting depth. Ideal Tree distances between trees 20-25 feet to allow for proper crown spread. Green visions donating mulch for the trees. Use tractor to haul mulch and water and dig the holes. Dave talked to Timmons about haying fields told them about trees being planted in hidden meadow and not to run them over.

*-Restroom:* Restroom install postponed to next week due to Green Flush not being able to get a crane. Zeigler Excavating will dig the hole on Tuesday or Wednesday April 14 or 15. Restroom install planned for Thursday April 16. Putting soil in the parking lot triangle. Need bag of concrete for electrical in hole. Dave said need to take pictures of whole process.

*-Parking lot expansion:* Zeigler will work on parking lot the same day as digging restroom hole. Expansion will be 50 feet east of current lot. Also adding another small lot by the restroom. Discussed handicap spots. will make the small lot accessible as well as some south of the main lot for people who want to watch soccer or pickleball. Driveway is cracking from the heavy trucks coming in. May need top coated. Dave will talk to Doug Ule about it.

-Getting 4 picnic tables from Go-green grant.

*-Pickleball Courts:* Wayne and Mark installed the nets last Saturday; GAR top dressed the courts to make handicap accessible. Need to put parking signs by pickleball courts as people are pulling too close to the court.

*Eagle Scout project:* No update has not heard from them.

*Maple Sugaring:* Dave told Ken trustees will have his maple sugaring lease ready tomorrow, at the town hall office. Ken to bring insurance papers and sign hold-harmless agreement. Ken pulled out the sap tank and other equipment and took to Les. Some of the main line tubing was taken. Not sure who would have done it. Need to get rest of maple tubing out, Bob will help. Discussed if Marks property needs tubing removed. The shed below the observation deck is in pretty good shape Ken will have another producer look at it.

-Someone drove across the soccer fields. Need to check cameras.

### **Veterans Park:**

No updates

### **Events:**

Car show scheduled for August 29 with a rain date of September 12. The committee met once already, next meeting scheduled for April 23.

Next meeting: Thursday May 14

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary