

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2026

Newbury Town Hall

Present: Judy Barnhart, Mark Fritch, Wayne Mansfield, Jim Stephancin via phone

Guests: Bob Ruckstul

Meeting called to order at 6:33. minutes of September read and approved.

Oberland Park:

Eagle Scout project: Gogo ball pit project complete, 22 tons of sand dumped on volleyball court. Wayne moved sand to line the base, kids have been playing in it. Volleyball net to be taken down in November.

Tree planting: Trees due to arrive Thursday October 15 Rotary wants to plant Saturday, October 17. Judy and Mark not available to plant, hopefully Jim can get scouts to assist. Need to predrill holes Thursday or Friday. Judy Wayne, Dave and Dave from rotary marked 125 Tree locations on October 3 with bamboo poles, finished to loop on east side, filled in cleared gas well site remainder alternate on west side between older trees. Dave would like trees placed at hole sites when delivered. Jim to see if we can get mulch dumped where it was last year. Wayne will tie ribbons to the stakes as they look like reeds and hard to see.

-Crack sealing on the drive is done, still need to repave drive where culvert installed, its rough driving in and out. Filling ditches with culverts intension to keep mowers from having to mow ditches.

-Wayne will work on woodland trails this fall, Judy to do a Geauga Walkers hike November 24 would like to use part of new trail.

-Question when Ken McNish will clean up excess wood and begin installing tubing. May wait for leaves to fall for clear line of site.

-Water needs refilled again in restroom. Discussion on how much is used for washing and flushing, Spects indicate should have 3000 uses and should last 3 months but needs refilled more often. Lots of sports use but it is also regularly being used as a rest area, which wasn't the intended use.

-Discussed closing park for winter and if restroom will remain open. Would need to heat so water doesn't freeze in the water lines and toilets. If closing need to post at entrance ahead of time.

Veterans Park:

-Digital LED sign is ordered. Township will do trenching and electrical. company will install and do hook up. Sign will be visible on both sides. Discussed orientation for best visibility.

-According to Ken Hunter of Veterans, need two more armed forces flag poles, one for space force not sure of the other one. American Flag to remain up until Veterans Day. Need to cap holes for winter.

Next meeting: Thursday November 12 at town hall.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary