

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH PARK BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**

The Newburgh Park Board met on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Newburgh Town Hall

Park Board members present were Mary Ann Wilsbacher, Matt Timmel, Vicki Nienaber

The 2014 Town Council liaison Leanna Hughes was not present

Town Manager Lori Buehlman, and Attorneys Chris Wischer and Kristen Head were present. Pool Manager Kyle Underwood, and guest Lindsey Byers were present.

Call to Order – Establish Quorum. President Mary Ann Wilsbacher called the meeting to order, called roll and established a quorum at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes from the July 3, 2014 meeting were presented. Motion to approve minutes by Matt, seconded by Mary Ann. Motion approved

Reports:

- A. Town Council Liaison: no report
- B. Pool Report: Kyle reported that with just 3 more days in the season, the pool operation has gone well. New speakers provide very improved sound, according to staff and patrons. Guards have “stepped up” and performed well as a team. Mary Ann noted that her grandsons had taken swimming lessons and received “wonderful” instruction from the guards. Kyle expressed enthusiasm and gratefulness to the board, and welcomed suggestions and guidance. He will meet with Lori after the season for a season overview, as suggested by Matt.
- C. Rivertown Trail, Phase 3: Lori reported the engineering firm is still doing background work on the right of way and that there is an abandoned railroad line that needs to be addressed.
- D. Rivertown Trail 5K: no report
- E. Staff Report: Lori reported that excise police require a floor plan for events that are catered and that such a plan has been created for the Old Lock and Dam building. Philip Field has asked that the sign be replaced at the Old Log Cabin; Mary Ann asked Lori to get some costs. Philip Field has also retained a large AEP barge boat for public tours on 8/30 from 10 am to 4 pm at the bottom of the steps to the river adjacent to The Edgewater Grill. Summer vandalism continues to be a problem at park properties; picnic tables and toilets have been damaged and graffiti continues to appear. The Street Department has been busy and is getting caught up on all their work, including the bridge cleanup; they hope to have everything complete by the Fiddler Fest in August. Cottages have been rented at a 47% capacity, and paving work will be done there and on the streets in front.

Unfinished Business: none

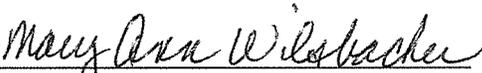
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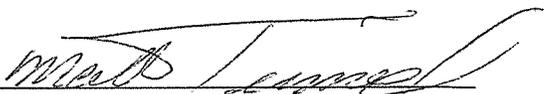
1. There is a joint meeting with the Trail Committee at 10 am August 11; Bill Kavanaugh asks that interested Park Board members attend to discuss recommended Trail Use policies.
2. Lindsey Byers appeared with a request for a fee waiver for use of the Old Lock and Dam area for the 9th annual "Dog and Suds" event 10/4/14. This event is the largest fundraiser for Warrick Humane Society. Matt moved to approve the request, Vicki seconded the motion and it passed.
3. Chris Wischer reported on the statute regarding Park Board membership and the Library Board. Currently the board designee must be on the Library Board. We can consider changing the statute to note either a Library Board OR School Corporation member may be appointed to the Park Board (neither appointment requires Newburgh Town residency). Or, we could eliminate that position, which would leave a 4-person board of Town residents.
4. Jim Bush submitted a request to use the Lock and Dam area and the cottage drive for a competition called the Old Damn Challenge on November 29. Lori explained that the cottages were rented that weekend and that the event would likely interfere with access to the cottages. Concerns were expressed about damage to the hill, as well as the for-profit nature of the event. Chris suggested we pass the request on to the Town Board and email our questions and concerns to Bill Kavanaugh.
5. Lori suggested she would look into the Toyota grant application to provide funds for new playground equipment.

Announcements: none

Set next meeting date: The next meeting of the Newburgh Park Board will be held Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Adjourn: At 6:40 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by consensus.


Mary Ann Wilsbacher, President


Vicki Nienaber, Secretary