

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH PARK BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 6, 2014**

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

Park Board members present were Matt Timmel, Wanda Kavanaugh, Vicki Nienaber and Mary Anne Wilsbacher

The 2013 Town Council liaison Leanna Hughes was present.

Newburgh Town Attorney Chris Wilscher was present.  
Town Manager Lori Buehlman was present

**Call to Order – Establish Quorum.** Vicki Nienaber called the meeting to order, called roll and established a quorum at 6:03 p.m.

**Election of Officers.** By acclaim Mary Anne Wilsbacher was named Park Board president, Wanda Kavanaugh Vice President and Vicki Nienaber Secretary for 2014.

**Minutes** from the January 9, 2013 meeting were presented. Motion to approve minutes made by Matt, seconded by Wanda, approved unanimously.

**Reports:**

- A. Town Council Liaison: Leanna Hughes noted that a motion to name Cynthia Burger to the Park Advisory Board is expected to be approved at the next Town Council meeting. She also noted that she has heard several citizens complain about the new Town signage. She suggested we reserve judgment until the signs were completed.
- B. Pool Report: Lori said the 2013 pool report would be presented at the March meeting and that we would discuss fee increases at that time.
- C. Rivertown Trail: Phase 3 continues to move forward. The INDOT quarterly report is due from the Town Tuesday, 2/11/14.
- D. Rivertown Trail 5K: The committee continues to look for race sponsors.
- E. Staff Report: Newburgh Recycling workshop presented by Scott Anslinger will be held 2/19/14. Newburgh has the highest rate of recycling in the county.

**Unfinished Business:** no report

**New Business:**

1. Rotary Club of Warrick Co: The group presented their “Walk For Literacy” program, 4/12/14, which has been approved by the Town Council and planned with Police Chief Brett Sprinkle. They asked for a fee waiver for use of the Old Dam area. Funds raised will purchase dictionaries for every Warrick Co. School Corp. fourth grade student, and will be used by Rotary for their Warrick County charity donations. Mary Anne reminded the group that they must have a disaster

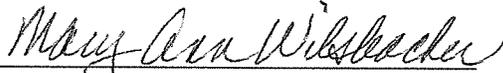
plan in place (for the Indiana State Fire Marshall's office). Matt made the motion to approve the fee waiver, Wanda seconded and the motion carried.

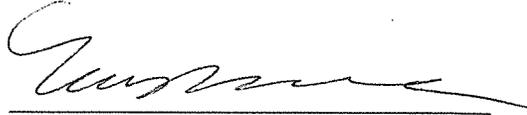
2. St. John's School "Heroes Grant" Event: Jan Lansing asked the board to allow their group the use of the trail head parking area on 5/9/14 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. They are holding a childhood obesity awareness run/walk for children and families and would like to start the event at the trail head. The trail will be used for the walk and no streets will be closed. Matt suggested that because the lot is heavily used at that time there should be signage posted that it will be closed to parking from 2:00 p.m. on. Matt asked Jan to give the board an update on participation and crowd/traffic control at our May meeting. Wanda moved that we approve the use of the trail head parking area for their event, Matt seconded and the motion passed. Vis a vis that discussion, Lori noted that the time may come when special events held around the trail, and the Old Dam may begin to limit use for citizens. We need to make sure the public has full access to the facilities. She suggested we think about ways to create procedures and possibly fees to try to keep usage balanced and our citizens in mind.
3. Recycling Grant: Lori reported that she is asking for 10 recycling bins to be placed in the parks (funded by the Recycling Grant received by the Town). She presented several available styles and sizes and asked the board to pick their first and second choices of bins. The board unanimously chose "Round Barrel Bins" as their first choice, and "Landscape Bin" as their second choice.
4. Advisory Board: (report of Cynthia Burger joining the Park Board Advisory Board was presented by Leanna previously in the meeting)
5. Batting Cage removal: Lori reported on the progress of the removal of the community park batting case. The board was very pleased to see that most of the work has been done. Lori also reported that Warrick Co. Solid Waste is helping with the removal and recycling of the materials from the site.

**Announcements:** Lori reported that she has been elected Vice Chairman of the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization, which will provide Newburgh with better representation and county collaboration in future projects and planning. Wanda announced that she has catalogues for park and playground equipment. She hopes the EDIT funds the town is receiving will be considered in part for replacement of broken and missing park equipment. Wanda and Leanna will head up an ad hoc committee that will inventory existing equipment and needs. We also discussed the consideration of removing the pool diving board as insurance experts now recommend they be removed from public pools. Lori noted that the mileage markers for the trail are in but require placement by the Rivertown Trail 5K committee. Mary Anne stated that the beginning marker should be placed at the New Lock and Dam area because the trail will be continuing West from its current stopping point at the trail head.

**Set next meeting date:** The next meeting date for the Park Board is Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**Adjourn:** At 7:20 p.m. Mary Anne moved the meeting be adjourned. Matt seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

  
Mary Anne Wilsbacher, President

  
Vicki Nienaber, Secretary