

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH PARK BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 9, 2014**

The Newburgh Park Board met on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Newburgh Town Hall

Park Board members present were Matt Timmel, Wanda Kavanaugh, Vicki Nienaber

The 2013 Town Council liaison Leanna Hughes was present.

Park Advisory Board Member Mary Anne Wilsbacher was present.

Town Manager Lori Buehlman was present

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

**Minutes** from the November 7, 2013 meeting were presented. Motion to approve minutes made by Matt, seconded by Wanda, approved unanimously.

**Reports:**

- A. Town Council Liaison: Wanda made the motion that we recommend to the Town Council that Mary Anne Wilsbacher be named as a member of the Newburgh Park Board. Vicki seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was reported that the Town Council is also looking for more Park Board members, particularly from Ohio Township Library and Warrick School Board suggestions.
- B. Pool Report: Lori announced that the position of Pool Manager will be open in 2014, and that she was beginning a search for someone to fill the position.
- C. Rivertown Trail: no report
- D. Rivertown Trail 5K: The 5K committee was to meet the week of 1/13 to plan this year's race.
- E. Staff Report: **Newburgh Youth Soccer** submitted their annual report on Amax Field use and the 2013 season. The program is extremely popular, with 661 players in 2013. **Warrick Co. Solid Waste** officials met with the Town to discuss recycling and a grant available that could be used for recycling containers in our parks. Building on the Town's already excellent recycling practices, we anticipate great response from the community. There will be a workshop 2/19/14 at the Town Hall to introduce the program. Lori reported that the **West Cottage** roof needs replacement. She will gather bids and oversee the project. Leanna brought up the issue of public use of the parks for events like weddings and parties. She wanted to make sure that Lori is contacted for these events in advance.

**Unfinished Business:** no report

**New Business:**

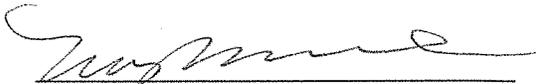
1. Correspondence from TOUCH: Mary Anne Wilsbacher reported on a letter received from Kathy Engle containing a check for \$451.50 for the Newburgh Park Board. These are proceeds from the 9/7/13 TOUCH Twilight on the Trail provided to the Park Board in appreciation for use of Park areas. The group hopes to do the event again in 2014.
2. Request for new vehicle: The Town plans to move an unused Police vehicle to Park use so that Don has a more reliable vehicle for maintenance. Lori noted that Don is doing an excellent job and has received a promotion in recognition of his fine work.
3. EDIT Funds: Leanna reported that discussion has ranged widely on various possible uses of these grant funds. There will be funds available for park improvements, and she requested some ideas about how they might be used. Lori reported that the most pressing need was to remove the batting cages in the Lou Dennis Community Park. This would allow for extra green space in the park. The Park Board added a "wish list" for additional park improvements, including an upgrade of the bathhouse at the pool, playground equipment replacement and repair and other pool repairs (i.e. plumbing). Leanna suggested that we consider raising pool usage rates for non-residents. Mary Ann suggested we look at a 10 year history of revenue and expenses, and explore how other pools in the community are faring. It's clear that pool usage has decreased over the years
4. West Cottage roof repair: (covered above in Staff Report)

**Announcements:** none made

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

**Adjourn:** At 7:00 p.m. Matt moved the meeting be adjourned. Vicki seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

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Wanda Kavanaugh, President

  
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Vicki Nienaber, Secretary

  
  
Mary Ann Wilsbacher, President