

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH PARK BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 2, 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, Wanda Kavanaugh, Vicki Nienaber

The 2014 Town Council liaison Leanna Hughes was present

Town Manager Lori Buehlman, and Attorney Kristen Head were present. Citizens Ken Hughes, Byron Sherman, Suzi and Bill Byers were in attendance.

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

**Minutes** from the September 2014 meeting were not available due to computer problems in the Town offices. September minutes will be reviewed for approval with October minutes at the November meeting.

**Reports:**

- A. Town Council Liaison: Leanna reported that the annual Rivertown Trail Committee meeting will be held 10/13 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. The final rendering of the usage policy for the Trail will be presented. Also, at an Alcoa Community Advisory meeting recently recycling policies and bins were discussed. Because the Town didn't receive a grant for Trail recycling bins, Leanna suggested that we ask Alcoa to consider giving us bins for the Trail. The Park Board agreed, and Leanna advised she will follow up and look at options.
- B. Pool Report: Lori explained that there was no pool report available due to computer problems in the office.
- C. Rivertown Trail, Phase 3: Lori reported that work continues on this.
- D. Rivertown Trail 5K: no report
- E. Staff Report: Cathy Engle presented a check for the Park Board in the amount of \$179 in proceeds from the Twilight on the Trail event. A "save the date" request for next year's Twilight (9/18 & 19/15) was also noted. The cottage driveway is newly surfaced with asphalt. Lori then asked the board to consider ways to communicate with schools that bring students to park facilities with no prior notice. As a result, play areas and parking are full. This can particularly be a problem when a rental has been made in advance. Lori asked the board to consider content communication with schools regarding Park use and the need to call ahead. We will discuss at the November meeting. The Street Department is working near the Garden Club display on the south lawn of the Old Dam property. Every three years the department brings in dirt to reinforce the banks there. Mary Ann commented

that the new mile markers on the Trail look very good. She also noted that a golf cart is being driven on the Trail (which prohibits motorized vehicles), and that the Police Department should be informed. Leanna noted that the Eagle Scout signage kiosk at the Trail Head looked very good and that she hoped the Scouts working on the project will be recognized for their efforts.

**Unfinished Business:** none

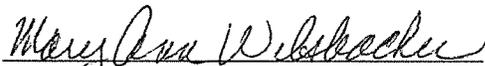
**New Business:**

1. Guests Byron Sherman, Suzi and Bill Byers appeared before the Board as representatives from the Friends of Newburgh Fiddler Fest. They reported that from \$21,000 in sales they ended up with \$5,000 to \$6,000 in net income. Byron presented a Check for \$700 to the Park Board. He also announced that they were seeking approval fee waiver and use of the Old Dam park and property for the 2015 Fiddler Fest, planned for 9/27 – 31/15. Matt made the motion that their request be approved, Mary Ann seconded and all approved.
2. Lori reported that Byron and she were planning to meet with the IBEW regarding upgrades at the Old Lock and Dam area. She asked the Board to suggest ways to improve the electrical service there. Mary Ann asked if wifi might be made available at the Cottages. Lori explained that the considerable cost would have to be passed on to renters.
3. Mary Ann and Matt noted a few areas where repairs are needed to Park property. These include the walkway on the boat ramp, rotted slats on the west side of the Old Lock and Dam lawn.
4. Lori reported that Hadi Shrine Motorcycle Run participants made the Old Lock and Dam one of their stops. Nearly 250 riders passed through and received bottled water and greetings from Newburgh representative hosts Ken and Leanna Hughes.

**Announcements:** none

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

**Adjourn:** At 6:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mary Ann, second by Wanda, and unanimous approval.

  
Mary Ann Wilsbacher, President

  
Vicki Nienaber, Secretary