

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH
PARKS BOARD
DECEMBER 3, 2015 MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Ann Wilsbacher, Kevin Reine, Ron Keller
ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENT: Kristin Head, Attorney, Leanna Hughes, Town Council Liaison, Christy Powell, Newburgh Town Manager
GUESTS PRESENT: Michelle Reine, Cathy Keller, Chris Head, Jim Wilsbacher, Ken Hughes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM at Lockmaster House West and roll call held. The house was toured by those present.

MINUTES

Mr. Reine motioned accept the minutes. Mr. Keller seconded, Motion carried, and the minutes were adopted as read.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REPORTS

Town Council Liaison

No report.

Fundraising Committee

We do not have a committee at this time. Friends of Newburgh donated \$750.00 to the Parks Board to go toward the upgrade of the electrical system at the Old Lock and Dam #47.

We also discussed sending a grant proposal to the Newburgh Women's Club to cover a parking area behind the park shelter.

Rivertown Trail

Mrs. Wilsbacher discussed an idea on how to reroute the Rivertown Trail during the set-up of the Art, Wine, & Jazz Festival by going behind the Old Dam Building on the upper sidewalk. Work will need to be done to provide smooth access to the sidewalk area because right now large rocks are located in the way. Rivertown Trail committee will be notified.

Rivertown Trail 5K

Mr. Keller asked if Toyota had been contacted about sponsoring the race. Mrs. Powell thinks the race chairperson is looking into that, but will check on it.

Pool Report

Mrs. Wilsbacher reported that Jeannie Kellams from Cleo's has reported that Cleo's will not be able to run the concession stand next year. She stated that they did not make any money this year. The Board discussed other ways to run the concession stand, such as asking fundraising groups if they would want to run it.

We discussed replacing the diving board because the old diving board was removed in 2014. Diving boards are a big draw to pools.

Mrs. Powell brought up installing a splash park at the pool, but thought those parks in other areas (Boonville and Owensboro) are free.

Lou Dennis Community Park was also discussed. We discussed nominating the people from the Methodist church who helped paint the Fortress of Fun and those from the Master Gardner's who cleaned out and pruned the bushes in front of the pool house for either the Good Neighbor Award, or the Good Citizen Award, and will pursue this.

Mr. Reine stated that the family of Lou Dennis asked if they could take care of the landscaping surrounding the Lou Dennis Community Park sign at the entrance of the park. Mrs. Wilsbacher made a motion that the family of Lou Dennis be allowed to maintain and care for the entrance to the Lou Dennis community Park. Mr. Reine seconded the motion. All were in favor, so the motion carried. Mr. Reine reported on the tree that was planted in the park and the plaque the family will put up under the tree. They will also take care of watering the tree in the summer.

Mrs. Hughes stated that she asked Gerald of the town maintenance crew to think about ways to improve the park. He recommended new playground equipment, and installing new grills.

Staff Report

Mrs. Powell reported that she is working toward getting the Rivertown Trail completed. She is also wants to get the pool competitive again.

Mr. Reine reported loose door handles inside the Lockmaster East cottage and several other small repairs that need to be done to that cottage.

Unfinished Business

We spent the remainder of the meeting listing ideas to help increase the use of the pool we have. All ideas were written down. Nothing is rejected. All ideas will be evaluated later. We threw out ideas to stimulate the thought process including:

Replacing the bathhouse

Yoga instruction for the parents during swim lessons

Water Aerobics

Water exercise for health issues such as rheumatoid arthritis

Conduct exercise classes in one area of the pool during regular pool hours

Every 5th admission is free

Cheaper concessions

Bond issue to build another pool, bathhouse and improve parks

Advertise

Deliver pool brochure to the Senior Center

Summer group discount, i.e. daycare centers and sports teams

Close the pool one day a week and rent it out for a full day for pool parties

Talk to surrounding communities about how they run their pools

Splash park

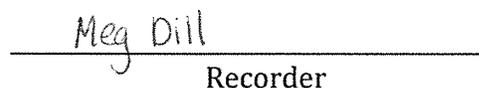
Next Meeting

The January 7, 2016 meeting will be held at Town Hall at 6 PM

ADJOURN

Mr. Reine made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mr. Keller. The meeting adjourned at 7:35.


Chair


Recorder