

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH  
PARKS BOARD  
MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wanda Kavanaugh, Ron Keller, Kevin Reine, Matt Timmel,  
Mary Ann Wilsbacher

**ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENT:** Kristen Head, Attorney, Christy Powell, Town  
Manager, Stacy Krieger, Town Council Liaison, Leanna Hughes, Town Council

**CITIZEN PRESENT:** Melinda Mitchell

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mary Ann Wilsbacher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Reine moved to adopt the previous meeting minutes. Mr. Timmel seconded and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

New officers were elected for the Parks Board. Mary Ann Wilsbacher accepted the position of president again; Matt Timmel accepted the vice president position. Wanda Kavanaugh agreed to be the secretary. Kevin Reine and Ron Keller agreed to be Parks Board members.

**REPORTS**

**Town Council Liaison**

Leanna Hughes announced that she will no longer be Town Council Liaison. That position has been taken over by Stacy Krieger, who was present tonight but had to leave early. Mrs Hughes then left the meeting.

**Pool Report**

Board members discussed the need to start earlier on pool maintenance items and hiring pool personnel this year. We all agreed that the two pool co-managers from last year, Brittani Carroll and Kiersten Menke were both excellent pool managers and that we would like to offer them the same jobs this year. A copy of the maintenance items compiled by Ms. Carrol and Ms. Menke at the end of the pool season last year that included items that need to be repaired before opening this year was given to Mrs. Powell. She will give the list to Gerald to begin working on these items now. Concessions were discussed at length. Jeanne from Cleo's told Mrs. Wilsbacher that she does not want to run the concession area this year. She stated that the concession stand was too much work to add to the store that she also runs. We discussed different ways to run concessions, including vending machines, contacting food trucks, and contacting different restaurants to see if someone else would like to run the concession stand. Board members will contact different friends and companies to bring information back to the next meeting.

**Fundraising Committee**

No report

**Rivertown Trail**

Mrs. Wilsbacher passed out copies of an overhead view of the Old Lock and Dam Park so the Board could discuss ways to keep the Rivertown Trail open during festivals without having to close French island Trail. Mrs. Wilsbacher recommended building a

portable bridge to go over the rocks on both sides separating the driveways to the boat dock from the top level of steps that go behind the building. Mrs. Kavanaugh objected because she stated that we cannot predict flooding, and that the top step had at least an inch of mud on it right now from the flooding that took place over Christmas. We discussed other thoughts, but the unpredictability of flooding made any planning unfeasible. The board decided to contact Carol Schaefer to see if she had any new thoughts about keeping both the trail and the road open during festivals.

#### **Rivertown Trail 5K**

Mr. Keller and Mr. Reine discussed sponsorship possibilities by Toyota, but neither has been able to make the connections with either the Rivertown Trail 5K board members or with the Toyota people they need to contact. Both will continue working on this project.

#### **Park Areas**

##### **Lou Dennis Community Park**

Mr. Keller reports no current problems with the park. He will begin working on completion of some of the maintenance items as spring draws near.

##### **Old Lock and Dam Park and Dock**

Mr. Timmel reports that the dock needs to be repaired before it can be used in the spring. Mrs. Powell stated that plans are taking shape to fix the dock before spring.

##### **Lock Master Houses**

Mr. Reine asked if the repairs to the doors and locks that were brought up at the December meeting had been accomplished, and Mrs. Powell said that they all had.

##### **Indian Hill Overlook**

Mrs. Kavanaugh stated that she had not been up there in December, but would check it out in January.

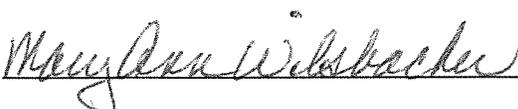
#### **Petitions and Comment from Citizens present**

Melinda Mitchell introduced herself and stated that she represented a group that wants to save a brick structure on West Jennings Street. The property on which the building sits is being sold and the buyer wants the building to either be moved or torn down. Ms. Mitchell asked the Parks Board to recommend a piece of land to which the building can be relocated. We stated that we have no way to recommend a piece of land without studying drainage issues, adjoining structures, and plans for use of land in the future. She was referred to the Town Council for further consideration of her request.

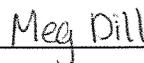
**Next Meeting Date** - February 4, 2016 at 6:00 PM

#### **Adjourn**

Mrs. Kavanaugh moved to adjourn and Mr. Keller seconded. Motion carried.



Chair



Recorder