

Town of Newburgh
Parks Board
Minutes May 5, 2016

Members Present:

Mary Ann Wilsbacher, Matt Timmel, Kevin Reine, Ron Keller, Wanda Kavanaugh,

Administrative Present:

Christy Powell, Town Manager; Attorney Raymond Dudlo, Legal; Stacie Krieger, Council Liaison

Members Absent:

None

Citizens Present:

None

Minutes:

Wanda Kavanaugh made a motion to approve the minutes from April 7, 2016.

Kevin Reine seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved.

New Business:

Disc Golf – Dane Prevo speaking on behalf of Nick Fest & Aaron Ballard

Mr. Prevo came before the board to propose a Disc Golf Course at the Indian Hills Overlook Park (IHOP). Mr. Prevo gave a presentation that included a brief history of the sport, explanation of the game and the benefits a course can bring to a park. There is currently no Disc Golf Course in Warrick County and everyone was agreed it would be a good thing for Newburgh to have. Financing of the course was discussed, which included the town and or fundraising to make up the cost. The land that was suggested for the park is actually owned by the Army Corps of Engineers and they would need to be contacted over use. Topic will be discussed again in a few months once fundraising and land use has been secured.

Unfinished Business:

Tru Green Emerald Ash Borer

There are 7 trees that need adopting to pay for the Emerald Ash Borer treatment. Waiting for more information on adopt a tree program. Also, there are store products used that claim to rid trees of the Emerald Ash Borer but more information is needed on if they work and how long they last. Will see how many of the trees are adopted and if needed the store treatment can be used.

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

None

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

No Report

Pool Report:

Christy Powell reported that Head Guard, Hannah Beverly, was offered job at St. Mary's and will not be returning to the pool this summer. Ryan Daring has now moved into the head guard position. This is Ryan's 3rd year at the pool and both managers are confident in his ability in the new position.

Christy Powell - Tavi had orientation & a clean-up day and reported that everything went well. She has set up another cleaning day later this month.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher reported that she had planted donated irises on the left hand side of the pool in a bare spot. Also, Castle High School has been contacted to see if 10 students, for Senior Work Day (May 23), could come to the pool to tear out dead foliage and bushes on the right side of the pool.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE -

No report

No Fundraising Committee at this time. Mary Ann Wilsbacher asked if anyone had any ideas for a fundraising event. Suggestions of a 5K or a 15K followed by a festival were suggested as well as a spring or fall festival. It was also suggested that someone could be brought in to organize an event to help make money.

RIVERTOWN TRAIL -

Christy Powell reported there was a meeting last week that went through the Rivertown Trail Event Policy & Temporary Use Permit Guidelines. Language was changed to make the guidelines make more sense and the fees for using the trail were removed.

RIVERTOWN TRAIL 5K -

Kevin Reine stated it rained during the race this year, there were a lot of people who signed up but did not show up. The figures were not in yet on how much money was raised.

PARK AREA REPORTS

Lou Dennis:

Ron Keller reported that the trash containers are now arranged against the tree line and look much better than they did. The tops of the tennis court nets are up, the dead wood behind the soccer field has been cleaned up, the swings are up and the BBQ pits are in. There are 2 trees down on the bank but it was determined that those are not on town property. There are also 2 slats missing from the Fortress of Fun and a picnic table with a bad leg, still has a bad leg. Christy Powell stated she was concerned over the missing slats and would work on getting those fixed soon. Mulch is needed around much of the play area. The shelter has been power washed but there are still streamers/balloon string still hanging from the rafters and those need to be removed. The shelter will be painted on the 13th of May.

Art teacher at Castle called Mary Ann Wilsbacher and stated the Art Club would like to come in and give the characters an update. Some of the characters are missing pieces, Mary Ann asked Christy to check with Gerald to see if anyone turned in some pieces of the characters. They will be coming in on May 22nd to paint and were promised pizza and soda. The paint was donated by Sherwin Williams and the Parks Department will pay for the brushes, but will try to get them donated or at cost. It was also suggested that the TV stations be there to do a little blurb on the Castle Art Club and the Fortress of Fun. Ladders are needed as well for the students to reach some of the characters. Mary Ann will confirm the time with the art teacher and will let everyone know.

Old Lock and Dam Park:

Matt Timmel reported that everything is ready to go but the river is still up. Dock is not in yet.

In the past it was suggested to create signs that state "Private Party – No Public Restrooms", nothing was done. Christy said she will work on the signs and a stand.

Lockmaster Cottages:

The rental fee increase in our rental fee ordinance is at Council. Once the fee is increased, the rentals will be monitored to make sure there is not a decrease in usage. There was also discussion about adding WIFI and DVD players to the cottages.

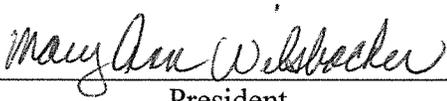
IHOP

No Report. Everything looks good.

Discussion:

Matt Timmel made a motion to adjourn.
Wanda Kavanaugh seconded and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be June 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm.



President



Recorder