

Town of Newburgh
Parks Board
Minutes September 1, 2016

Members Present:

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

Administrative Present:

Christy Powell, Town Manager; Attorney Raymond Dudlo, Legal

Members & Administrative Absent:

Kevin Reine; Stacie Krieger, Council Liaison

Citizens Present:

Arts Commission (Leanna Hughes & Carol Schaffer)

Byron Sherman (Friends of Newburgh, President & Chairman of Fiddler Fest)

Minutes:

Mary Ann Wilsbacher made a motion to approve the minutes from August 4, 2016.

Wanda Kavanaugh seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved.

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

Amphitheater

Leanna Hughes spoke on behalf of the Arts Commission about an amphitheater at Lock & Dam Park. The amphitheater would be constructed at the concrete pad on the east side of the property, by the driveway that goes up to the cottages, which is on the north side of the road at Lock & Dam Park with seating built into the hill. Mrs. Hughes also mentioned that the "Little Brick House" which is trying to be saved and relocated to the Lock & Dam Park could be utilized as the ticket booth or a refreshment stand for the amphitheater. Mrs. Hughes stated they do not know yet how they would like the amphitheater to look, they have had multiple brainstorming sessions, but they do have a drawing that they will submit with a grant that Carol Schaffer will be submitting.

Carol Schaffer, Executive Director of Historic Newburgh Incorporated, stated that Mark Newman who is the Executive Director of the Office of Tourism and Development came down several months ago and toured Warrick County. Mr. Newman told Mrs. Schaffer that there is a grant available for destination development. Mrs. Schaffer could not remember the exact name of the grant but that it does state development and it must be transformational. Mr. Newman informed Mrs. Schaffer that the minimum amount for the grant is \$50,000.00 and the maximum is \$250,000.00 with a one to one match. Mrs. Schaffer shared with Mr. Newman the amphitheater idea, showed him the location and explained their vision and he stated that is exactly the project they are looking for. The grant will be available to apply for on September 15th. Mrs. Schaffer stated that David Wills will be getting her the numbers she needs to raise matching funds and that she will also be applying for smaller grants. Mrs. Schaffer stated that there is also a larger grant that David Hynes mentioned in June, that they could apply for if this one does not work out, but she feels they are poised for this grant.

A discussion was had about the seating, the look of the amphitheater, the use of the "Little Brick House" and fundraising. Mrs. Schaffer also wanted to make sure that the turnaround space was not lost. That space is how the buses all turn around anytime there is an event at Lock & Dam Park. Wanda Kavanaugh stated she wants to make sure that the view of the river is not obstructed from the hillside.

Wanda Kavanaugh made a motion to approve the continuation of the amphitheater and the little brick building project.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher seconded the motion.
Motion was approved.

Fiddler Fest 2016

Byron Sherman from Friends of Newburgh first wanted to thank the Parks Board for letting them use the Old Lock & Dam Park at no cost for the Fiddler Fest this year. Mr. Sherman stated that it was an average year for them grossing a little over \$19,000.00 this year. With it being an average year, Mr. Sherman stated they will have about \$6,000.00 - \$10,000.00 to give away. Mr. Sherman requested the Old Lock & Dam building on Sunday, November 27th to present the money to the organizations that they have chosen.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher made a motion for the Friends of Newburgh to use the Old Lock & Dam building on Sunday, November 27th or if that date is not available, on whatever date is available to them, free of charge. Wanda Kavanaugh seconded the motion.
Motion was approved.

Christy Powell will double check the rental calendar and will let Mr. Sherman know.

Fiddler Fest 2017

Byron Sherman requested the Old Lock & Dam and Lock & Dam Park, free of charge, for Fiddler Fest 2017 on August 24th, August 25th, August 26th, August 27th & August 28th.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher made a motion for the Friends of Newburgh to use the Old Lock & Dam Park and the Old Lock & Dam building on Thursday, August 24th – Monday, August 28th for the 2017 Fiddler Fest, free of charge.

Ron Keller seconded the motion.
Motion was approved.

New Business:

Budget

Christy Powell gave the board a copy of the financial statement for Parks. Mrs. Powell stated that the year to date expenditures for Parks is \$168,369.54. Mrs. Powell also pointed out to the Parks Board that the Parks revenue is \$64,447.60. Mrs. Powell also broke down for the board the salaries, explaining that a majority of the Parks expenditures is salaries. Year to date salary expense is \$77,000.00. The breakdown of salary is:
Don Kissel & Gerald Bower – 60% during the spring & summer, 40% during the fall & winter
Andrea Balboni (Admin) – 25% year round
Patrolling salaries: \$6,225.00 (estimated by Mary Ann Wilsbacher)

Discussion was had about the Parks Board paying part of police salary to patrol the trail and the parks.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher made a motion to notify the Town Council that the Parks Board does not wish to provide further payment for patrols of the trail & parks and request that Town Council look into the matter to determine how it should be handled in the future.

Wanda Kavanaugh seconded the motion.
Motion was approved.

Donated Pool Pass for Newburgh Elementary School fundraiser

A request was made by Newburgh Elementary School for a donated pool pass for a top prize in their walk-a-thon.

A discussion was had about the amount of pool passes that have been requested over the past year and how the board needs to make sure they are not granting too many. Wanda Kavanaugh requested making a rule as to

who the board grants request to. Discussion was had and it was decided to review donated pool pass requests case by case.

Wanda Kavanaugh made a motion to accept the request by Newburgh Elementary School for a donated individual pool pass.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher seconded the motion

Motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

No Report

Pool Report:

Christy Powell stated that they are working on a few changes and improvements and they are going to put everything together and sometime in October/November have a nice presentation for the board.

Fundraising Committee:

Mary Ann Wilsbacher stated that she went to McCormick's Creek State Park and picked up their Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park application. Mrs. Wilsbacher stated that it is something that the Parks Board needs to do. Mrs. Wilsbacher stated that she is at a loss on how to raise money. Mrs. Powell stated to ask Carol Schaffer or Amber Kelly from Historic Newburgh, Inc.

Rivertown Trail:

Christy Powell stated that there is a meeting on Monday, September 12.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher stated that there are some boards on the bridge that are in need of repair.

Rivertown Trail 5K:

Christy Powell stated they had their wrap up party yesterday, Wednesday, August 31.

PARK AREA REPORTS

Lou Dennis:

Ron Keller stated that on the Fortress of Fun there are a few items that need to be fixed, but one of the boards was almost collapsed and that was fixed today. Mr. Keller stated a support board has loose screws and there is some plastic by the large slide that needs to be fixed. Mrs. Kavanaugh stated there are also some posts that need to be addressed.

Mr. Keller also stated that a gentleman from the neighborhood also pointed out the drainage issues at the park and beyond the park. Christy Powell stated that David Hynes is going to take a look at the park and make suggestions on what needs to be done.

Mr. Keller stated that the post that was removed in the fence has been replaced but a few rails in the fence need to be replaced. A discussion was had about the things that needed to be fixed at Lou Dennis Park. Christy Powell stated that she will go and take a look at these issues and then work with the budget to see about getting them fixed.

Mr. Keller asked that if the directional sign at the pool that Mary Ann Wilsbacher made a motion for last month has been taken care of. Christy Powell stated that the sign has been ordered.

Old Lock and Dam Park:

Matt Timmel stated that the water has receded and that all the issues that were brought up last month have been taken care of. Matt Timmel stated that they do not have the same amount of boats that they use to have down there. Matt requested that we publish something when the boat ramp is open to bring in more boats.

Matt Timmel made a motion to put an ad in the Boonville Standard that the boat ramp is now open with new docks.

Mr. Timmel stated there is also a sign that is in the way of vehicles down at the ramp. Mrs. Powell stated that she will go take a look.

Lockmaster Cottages:

Mary Ann Wilsbacher stated that Kevin Reine stated there are no issues with the cottages at this time.

Ron Keller stated that the thermostat was reading low battery last time he was in, but that he let Andrea Balboni know when he made a reservation. Christy Powell stated that she will check with Andrea to make sure it was taken care of.

IHOP:

Wanda Kavanaugh stated that there is a large pile of dirt that is going to be used to fill in the sink hole again. Mrs. Kavanaugh asked Christy Powell if the park was officially theirs yet. Mrs. Powell stated that it is not, but that the compliance report was recently submitted and it was a great opportunity for her to research where they stood on taking over the park. Mrs. Powell informed the Board that the Town was to separate the water service and that a water meter was put in, but the water lines were never done. Mrs. Powell stated that the water lines are now in motion to be put in. Mrs. Powell also stated that the Army Corps was waiting on lead testing on the two buildings on the property and also the Army Corps takes care of their own sewage, which will need to be addressed if the Town takes over the property.

Mrs. Kavanaugh asked Mrs. Powell if they are about to take over the Overlook Park, there is a lake there that she would love to see some of the trees removed and have a clear path to the water.

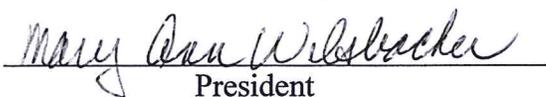
Unfinished Business:

None

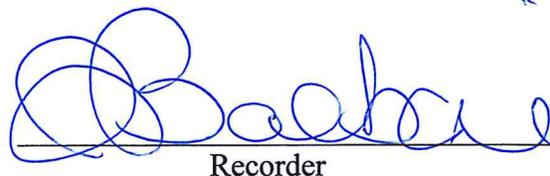
Discussion:

Mary Ann Wilsbacher made a motion to adjourn.
Wanda Kavanaugh seconded and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be **October 6, 2016** at 6:00 pm.



President



Recorder