

Newmanstown Recreation Board

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025

Monthly Minutes

Attendance

Board Members present at the meeting: Justin Arndt, Dan Long, Katie Sheetz, Josh Garrison

Guests – Township Supervisor John DeSantis called in

Meeting was officially called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Justin Arndt.

Previous minutes and correspondence

Motion to approve by Katie Sheetz seconded by Dan Long.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Justin Arndt seconded by Katie Sheetz.

Public Comments – No public comments

Old Business

Concerns were expressed about Summer Playground coverage at the previous meeting. Kiri Arndt will return. Seeking additional support pending ELCO summer School program *Kiri has support.*

Better communication to community about events. Perhaps placing signs throughout the community and utilizing the various community FB pages Katie got signs made for fall frolic, feedback was positive. Also the Kountry Kraft sign in the square was utilized more. *Discussed the possibility of getting signs made for "Family Nights"*

Basketball Courts- Stenciling- looked into better quality stencils, Josh will order from Amazon. We will possibly use the townships sprayer and trying to get paint through them at less cost. Waiting until warmer weather

Damage to park- The Wi-Fi has been upgraded and is in the maintenance shed. John getting more info, we may be able to run extender from far end of shed and have open view from there. We have the account number. Tabled until 2025 meeting. Township is looking into better security for all areas, cameras and swipe or key fob access to buildings. *Cameras at Hogeland Pavillion plus several at other locations in the park. Can't do cameras in Newberg using current set-up, will look into other options for that area in the future.*

Noel K Hertzog playground- Sidewalks will be put around the park. Planned. Date TBD John will get update at next township meeting, Woodland Contractors won the bid. Start date and timeline TBD *No update*

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Playground pavilion- Township handling, received bids, no additional info however John is looking into a grant through T-Mobile for repairs and updates to existing playgrounds, i.e. fence repair, bleachers etc. *No update*

Healthy Kids Running Series Fall series was completed. Spring series 2025 dates are pending until walking path construction is completed. *Will be held at Noel K. Hertzog fields due to walking path construction. April 27, May 4, 18, 25 and June 1. Make up date June 15.*

Pickle Ball – John suggested putting Pickle Ball courts on site where Tennis once was. Can't be done due to size limitations. Space has been designated in Newburg playground area for a macadam area this could possibly be a pickle ball court. John is still looking into options- *No update*

Wooden Bleachers- in bad shape. Need new supports and new surfaces. Looking into possibly replacing them with aluminum. Update- we will be looking into getting a quote to have frames built, Hackman Welding? Then get lumber to finish. *Since the bleachers are not safe, Dan suggested and we all agree, that they should be remove before spring ball begins. the bleachers. John will ask the township maintenance crew to handle that. No Update*

Additional Damage to park- There was additional damage to the park. The items that are damaged- Counter shutter, surveillance 8 channel system, Kwik soccer net and the Forza soccer goal 8ft x 4ft The township sent letters to the parents of children involved giving a March 31 deadline to pay for the damages. *Larger of the 2 was received.*

Discussion was had on the erection of a pole building to store the items currently in the shed that is shared by Rec and Community Center. The shed is in disrepair and a space to store the soccer goals, benches and some of the other rec supplies would be ideal. *Need to talk to Community Center Committee.*

Spring / Summer ball –schedule

- Monday and Wednesday - Girls Softball
- Tuesday - Ladies Softball
- Thursday and Friday - Boys Baseball.
- Saturday is not committed to any group but will be made available per request on a first come first served basis.

Summer Family Night – Tentative date June 27th. Will finalize date at next months meeting. *Date confirmed June 27th*

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New Business

Spring Detail set date at March meeting

- Build Picnic Tables, Look for plans and determine what will be needed. Will decide at March meeting how many we want. Will request donation of materials from Rigidply. There may be hardware in Katies garage we can use.
- Updates needed in Bathrooms. Paint, plumbing, towel dispensers.
- Refrigerators in snack stand old and in bad shape.

Next meeting

March 9, 2025

Motion to adjourn meeting by Justin Arndt, seconded by Dan Long at 7:46 pm

Minutes submitted by Katie Sheetz