

## Newmanstown Recreation Board

Sunday, July 13, 2025

### Monthly Minutes

#### **Attendance**

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

**Guests** – Supervisor DeSantis and 1 community member

Meeting was officially called to order at 7:02 pm by President, Justin Arndt.

#### **Previous minutes and correspondence**

Motion to approve by Justin Arndt seconded by Josh Garrison.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

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

**Public Comments** – No comments

#### **Old Business**

Basketball Courts- Stencils were given to the township crew and they will complete the project. *Stenciling was complete.*

Noel K Hertzog playground- ADA Sidewalks will be put around the park. Planned. Date TBD  
John will get update at next township meeting. Start date and timeline TBD *Bid was awarded.*

Playground pavilion- Township completed the pavilion repairs. John is looking into a grant through T-Mobile for repairs and updates to existing playgrounds, i.e. fence repair, bleachers etc. *The intended use of this grant is for existing projects. Will pursue after walking path is constructed for add-ons for the walking path area.*

Pickle Ball – John suggested putting Pickle Ball courts on site where Tennis once was. Cannot 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- *Will be placed in Newburg*

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. New surveillance equipment has been purchased. *Some cameras have been placed and are functional. Others need to be placed up higher than we can safely do, a member of the community volunteered use of his truck to complete the install.* 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. Still have not received the other payment. *Township Solicitor will address the failure to pay through an official letter*

Summer Family Night will be June 27<sup>th</sup>. Campfire, s'mores, tie dying are planned. *Estimated 30 to 40 youth attended. The evening was a success despite inclement weather*

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#### **Old Business Cont'd**

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. Countered for the foreseeable future. Update: the broken window on the shed has been boarded up.*

Donation of all materials requested from Rigidply was received. Hardware was purchased. Will need to schedule build dates Painting of bathrooms was sidelined for now and there is no update on new towel dispensers Dan built the 3 ADA tables. He has secured a large enough trailer to transport them to the park. Need to coordinate a time to do that. *All tables are in place. We are planning to purchase placards for the tables to recognize the donation from Rigidply.*

Rental policy- John is looking into a more efficient way to handle rentals. No update We will wait to see how rentals go moving forward. *Rentals are going smoothly. Secretary has an effective checklist and open line of communication with Rec Pres.*

Refrigerators in snack stand old and in bad shape. Justin will put out a FB request for donation of old, working fridges. A used fridge was purchased, and we have received a donation of a second one. *UPDATE: The playground fridge is no longer working, one of the fridges in the snack stand will be moved there until we can get another one.*

#### **New Business**

GFCI outlet where fridges are plugged into is old, keeps tripping. We will replace. *Dan is working on replacing this*

More damage was done in the playground Pavillion, the new, recessed lights were ripped out and the floodlight was ripped out. *Replacements and repairs made by township crew.*

A WIFI enabled dead bolt was installed on the bathroom outside entry door. It has Key, keypad and remote access. Need to install new automatic door closer. *Wifi not reliable, keeps cutting out. Looking into solutions*

Wakling path – Property lines were surveyed, will keep path as far as possible from lines, will be a bit shorter, will stay on top of the retention area. Hoping to have completed by Fall. *Awaiting start date*

#### **Summer Playground**

79 youth are registered, 35 to 40 participate daily. All supplies have been covered by registration fees and snack proceeds, no township money has been used yet. Proposing and end of season Ice Cream Party. Details TBD In addition, 2 of the playground staff have workplace training on Aug 5-7, a qualified community member stepped up and volunteered to help cover in their absence.

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**Fall Frolic**

Begin donation request process.

**Next meeting**

Aug. 3 2025 **NOTE: This is a change from the initially approved meeting dates.**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Justin Arndt, seconded by Katie Sheetz at 7:38 pm

Minutes submitted by Katie Sheetz.