

Newmanstown Recreation Board

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Monthly Minutes

Attendance

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

Guests – Christy Houser

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

Previous minutes and correspondence

Motion to approve minutes by Justin Arndt seconded by Dan Long.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve treasurers report by Katie Sheetz seconded by Dan Long.

Public Comments – No comments

Old Business

Noel K Hertzog playground- ADA Sidewalks will be put around the park. Start date and timeline TBD. The Bid is expected to be awarded at next township meeting. *Bid was determined to be unacceptable. Will re-bid the job later in the year* **No Update**

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. **No Update**

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 **No Update**

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 is not reliable, keeps cutting out. *WIFI will not connect reliably, key pad will be used to lock door. Final cameras in place. All buildings are being monitored. Resetting unit and replacing batteries seems to have lock working as desired.*

Walking 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. *Still awaiting start date, fall may be unrealistic due to black top unable to pour in colder weather. Wet weather may be a factor to the delay. Justin suggested we have a ribbon cutting when the walking path is complete.* **No Update**

Healthy Kids Running- Will be held at the Noel K. Hertzog Memorial Fields. The scheduled dates are: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5. A make-up date of Oct. 12 This will be the final season for the current organizer, Brittany Miller *Complete. Holly Hassler will run the series next season. Will take place on April 12, 19, 26, May 3 and 10 at 4 Pm on the Noel K. Hertzog Fields. May 17 is reserved as a rain date if needed.*

Soccer – 110 youth are signed up. Coaches meeting on Aug. 5th, practice begins the week of Aug. 11th, the first game is Sept, 5th and will run to Oct 24th Soccer started on Sept. 5th and is going well. **Season is over and was a success.**

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Fall Frolic was held and was a great success! *The folks that volunteered to hand out the food stated how smoothly it went doing it from the snack stand so the decision was made that the rec board will continue to utilize the snack stand at Fall Frolic.*

New Business

*Mulch will be placed on Newburg Playground by the township. They will also repair the plastic barrier wall around the playground to better contain it. **Not yet done. No update.***

Cody will be stepping down from the board. Katie Sheetz nominated Christy Houser to be the Secretary in 2026. By laws require elections at the Dec. Meeting on the first Monday of December, need to update by-laws to state that elections will be held at the last meeting of the calendar year. *Board will request a current copy of the by-laws to review for edits.*

Tree Lighting will be Saturday Dec. 6th at 5PM. Library will read a story, LE's Cupcakes will provide cookies and hot cocoa. Rec plans to provide Candy canes. Board members will assure lights get placed on tree before the lighting.

Feedback has been received from community residents on the lack of communication surrounding events. We discussed the possibility that sometime in the future, perhaps the Township could place an electronic sign on the Township property at the corner of Sheridan and Alumni to communicate Township events and happenings.

2026 Meetings will be as follows:

January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 3, June 7, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 4, November 8.

Next meeting

January 11, 2026

Motion to adjourn meeting by Justin Arndt, seconded by Josh Garrison at 7:48 pm

Minutes submitted by Katie Sheetz.