

Newmanstown Recreation Board

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Monthly Minutes

Attendance

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

Guests – N/A

Meeting was officially called to order at 7:02 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 by Justin Arndt 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*

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 our 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. *No payment received from second party. Township voted to not pursue any further.*

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. Rec is planning to remove our property from the shed and no longer utilize it. *No update*

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. *We are still in need of a refrigerator. Received a donation. Will be placed later in the week.*

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GFCI outlet where fridges are plugged into is old, keeps tripping. We will replace. Dan is working on replacing this. *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 not reliable, keeps cutting out. Looking into solutions. *Door lock currently working without issue. Final cameras to be placed this week.*

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. Awaiting start date. *No update*

Summer Playground

Playground went well. No issues reported.

New Business

Fall Frolic

Begin donation request process. Church of Christian Outreach requested use of kitchen. Rec board is planning to use the kitchen for their own purposes and will offer the pavilion and oven to the church. *Donations requests have been sent, Many pro sports organizations require 501(c) status. Church chose to not participate.*

Dan secured the barrel train and hay ride

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 *In progress and going well.*

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.*

Next meeting

Oct. 12, 2025

Motion to adjourn meeting by Katie Sheetz, seconded by Dan Long at 8:03 pm

Minutes submitted by Katie Sheetz.