

Newmanstown Recreation Board

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Monthly Minutes

Attendance

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

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**

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.* **Update: Walking path construction has begun**

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.**

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. Mulch not ordered yet.**

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.*

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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. **Event was a success, had approximately 25 community members attend.**

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.

New Business

Field Spring Sports schedule is set as follows: Monday & Wednesday for Girls Softball, Tuesday for Women's Softball, Thursday & Friday for Boys Baseball. Saturday as needed. Events will begin the 3rd week in March with a Job Johnny needed for this time period.

Playground equipment at Noel K Hertzog playground and Newburg Playground need cleaned up and painted. Newburg playground is in need of mulch, Noel K Hertzog playground is in need of additional swings. The Ga Ga pit needs repairs as well.

Restrooms are in need of repair to the outside waterproof structure to prevent interior mold issue. Also a replacement or full renovation of restrooms after structure is corrected.

Staining needed on picnic tables and benches

Next meeting

February 8, 2026

Motion to adjourn meeting by Justin Arndt, seconded by Dan Long at 7:41 pm

Minutes submitted by Christy Houser.