

Town of Newburgh
Parks Board
Minutes April 6, 2017

Members Present:

Mary Ann Wilsbacher, Wanda Kavanaugh, Kevin Reine & Ron Keller

Administrative Present:

Attorney Raymond Dudlo, Legal; Christy Powell, Town Manager; Stacie Krieger, Council Liaison

Members & Administrative Absent:

Matt Timmel; Andrea Balboni, Administrative Assistant

Christy Powell stated that Matt Timmel would like to resign from the Parks Board but stay on as an Advisory Board Member. Wanda Kavanaugh made a motion to accept Matthew's resignation from the Parks Board and accept his request to stay on as an Advisory Board Member. Kevin Reine seconded the motion, no discussion, and the motion was approved.

Advisory Board Members Present:

None

Citizens Present:

Don Martin

Minutes:

Wanda Kavanaugh made a motion to accept the March 2017 minutes.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher seconded, no discussion and the minutes were approved.

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

None

New Business:

Don Martin – Tennis Program at Lou Dennis Park

Don Martin requested to use the tennis courts for his tennis program at Lou Dennis Park.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher made a motion to accept Mr. Martin's request to use the tennis courts at Lou Dennis Park for his tennis program. Kevin Reine seconded the motion.

Christy Powell asked Mr. Martin if he had specific dates for the program. Mr. Martin said there are two sessions. The first one starts June 12th and goes through June 28th and the seconded one starts July 10th and goes through July 26th.

Motion was approved.

Charles Nestleroad – Potential Skate Park in Newburgh

Charles Nestleroad did not show up at the Park Board meeting.

Park Board Work Day at Lou Dennis Park

Mary Ann Wilsbacher suggested that the Park Board Members go down to the park help clean up, sweep, and spruce up the place. Christy Powell stated that there are several volunteer groups scheduled in May (Kiwanis, Castle Seniors and Pool Staff). Mrs. Powell stated that maybe we wait until after the volunteers have done their work to see what is needed. Mary Ann Wilsbacher stated that she thinks all parks could use a spring cleanup.

Wanda Kavanaugh stated that when she is at Indian Hill Overlook she is always picking up sticks and branches; Mrs. Powell let Mrs. Kavanaugh know that our Town Crew could do that and to let her know of any issues that she sees.

Mrs. Kavanaugh also wanted Mrs. Powell to thank the Town Crew on clearing out the underbrush on the trail. Many people are now stopping at those benches and sitting down to enjoy the view.

Ron Keller mentioned the drainage at Lou Dennis Park and Mrs. Powell stated that there are still some issues at the park but all existing drainage structures have been cleaned out and/or repaired. Mrs. Powell stated the next step is get fill. After we get fill we are going to call David Hynes out after a large rain and see what needs to be done and also address the ditch in the back.

A discussion was had on additional ways to fix the issues now.

Kiwanis Volunteer Time

Mary Ann Wilsbacher stated that Carol Schaefer let her know that Kiwanis is available to volunteer on May 6th. Mrs. Wilsbacher stated that she would like the Kiwanis to paint the whole front of the pool house and possibly spread mulch. It was also discussed to possibly paint the guard room.

Newburgh Community Pool

- *Approval of Lifeguards and Front Desk Staff & Salaries*

Each Park Board Member was given a list of the pool staff that has been selected for the 2017 season along with their suggested pay rate.

Kevin Reine made a motion to approve the lifeguard and front desk staff along with their suggested pay rate. Wanda Kavanaugh seconded, no discussion, motion was approved.

- *Remove Swim Team from Newburgh Community Pool List of Activities*

Christy Powell sent the Park Board Members an email explaining Alyssa Hammel's reasoning for removing swim team from the activities list.

- Swim team is looked at like an hour long swim lesson and people are signing up for the team because they feel they will get better instruction. My goal is to fill up the swim lesson times this year and make the most of our workers and time. I want to make sure our teachers know what they are doing and provide meaningful lessons.
- We are paying quite a few lifeguards to stay after and coach the swim team.
- We can't be making any money off of it after paying for swimsuits, entry fees for meets, and coaches pay.
- I would like to focus more on bringing lots of people in to the pool and teaching meaningful swim lessons. I was told we had to refund many lessons last year because they weren't very good.
- If we would decide to drop the swim team, I can contact Newburgh Sea Creatures and Boonville Aquatic Dolphins and get information to pass out to anyone that wants it.

Mrs. Powell stated that the main reason is to focus on the things we do well and to get our admission up at the Newburgh Community Pool. Mary Ann Wilsbacher and Wanda Kavanaugh both stated that at first they were not on board with the idea, but after reading Ms. Hammel's reasons and discussing the idea, they now understand why.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher made a motion to remove the swim team from the Newburgh Community Pool list of activities. Kevin Reine seconded, no discussion, motion approved.

- *Lowe's Hero Project Update*

Christy Powell read the email from Jason from Lowe's on some things that he is offering to donate to the pool for the 2017 pool season. The Park Board listed the items in order on what they would like.

1. Sealing/staining the concrete in the changing rooms.
2. Additional Adirondack chairs.
3. New picnic tables.
4. New fridge and freezer.
5. Two new outdoor fans for the guard rooms.

Christy Powell let the Park Board Members know that there are pictures included in their packet. Paint colors were discussed on the new fencing and shade area.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher would like a thank you note signed by the board sent to Lowe's.

- *Light Covers in Bath House*

Mary Ann Wilsbacher stated that the light covers are in bad shape. Christy Powell stated that they are going to try to clean them the best they can and even looked into replacing them but they are a bit expensive. Wanda Kavanaugh suggested asking Lowe's for new lights and/or light covers.

A discussion was had on painting the ceiling of the bathhouses white. Mrs. Powell stated that she does not think we should paint the wooden ceiling white, as she likes the look of the original ceiling. A discussion was had on if painting the ceilings white would help brighten the rooms up. It was decided that the next Park Board meeting will be had at the pool and a further discussion can be had on painting the ceilings.

- *Family Night – Sponsors (Incentives)*

Mary Ann Wilsbacher stated that during the Grand Opening party we should thank the Lowe's Hero Project, the organizations that helped clean and get the pool ready for the season and the Family Night sponsors.

Suggestions for Sponsors:
German American Bank
Pizza Chef

Confirmed Sponsors:
Commonwealth
Advance Disposal

Wanda Kavanaugh suggested having a night dedicated to Lowe's, Raymond Dudlo suggested having a Family Night sponsored by Lowe's or giving passes to Lowe's employees as a thank you. Mrs. Powell stated that we could invite them to the Grand Opening Party and even suggested making the Grand Opening Party free or having free hotdogs. Ideas were discussed on what to do for the Grand Opening to make it a little more special this year. Mr. Dudlo suggested making opening day a "Lowe's Family Night".

Mrs. Wilsbacher suggested on the Friday before opening day, having the pool open from 4pm – 7pm for a Lowe's Open House night. No swimming, maybe just a look at what Lowe's did and the new projects we completed and having free hotdogs. A discussion was had on if there would be swimming or not. It was determined that there should be swimming, make it sort of a soft

opening for the pool staff. Christy Powell will check with Alyssa Hammel to see if this date works.

- *Pool Rules*

Christy Powell explained that the changes to the pool rules are because of what the Indiana Department of Health requires.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher made a motion to accept the new pool rules and to accept the grammatical changes purposed by Raymond Dudlo. Wanda Kavanaugh seconded the motion, no discussion, motion was approved.

- *Pool Rules Sign Quote*

Christy Powell went over the quote from Signs by Design.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher made a motion to accept the quote from Signs by Design. Kevin Reine seconded, no discussion, motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

Stacie Krieger stated at the last Council meeting they talked about the public forum, the turn out that it received and how we have a good start to the Master Plan.

Pool Report:

No Report.

Fundraising Committee:

Mary Ann Wilsbacher stated that she was in Naperville last week and saw their park logos. Mrs. Wilsbacher stated that they had a park logo and a park district logo. Mrs. Wilsbacher stated that it would be nice to have two possible logos, one for the Newburgh Parks and one for Park Pals.

Mrs. Wilsbacher also stated that there is an interest in Park Pals and we need to move forward. A discussion was had on getting someone involved who can head up Park Pals.

Mary Ann Wilsbacher stated that she saw another town that had an adult Easter egg hunt. Mrs. Wilsbacher stated that they charged \$5.00 per adult and a possibility of a beer garden was discussed. Mrs. Wilsbacher stated that she would like to have this on the agenda for 2018.

Rivertown Trail:

Christy Powell stated that she is dealing with some pavement issues and weed issues along the trail.

Mrs. Powell stated that the Hester-York dedication will be the Aurand Trailhead on Thursday, April 13th at 2:00pm.

Rivertown Trail 5K:

Kevin Reine said they sent out flyers to the elementary schools that have a Trail Tracker for kids. They keep track of how many miles, up to 26, they walk or run before the Rivertown Trail 5K. They will turn in their Trail Trackers on the day of the race for a discounted entry fee.

Mr. Reine discussed signage details, additional race details, race sponsors and Walmart's donation for food at the finish line.

Master Plan:

Mary Ann Wilsbacher would like a line item added to the each month for the Parks Master Plan.

PARK AREA REPORTS

Lou Dennis:

Ron Keller discussed some issues at the park along with the items that Gerald has completed. The drainage at the park was discussed and Mrs. Powell said that some issues have been repaired and she is waiting on a large rain event for David Hynes to see.

Christy Powell stated that seven (7) umbrella stands have been purchased for the pool. A discussion was had on when we should hear about the Woman's Club Grant for umbrellas. Mrs. Powell stated that we can always return the umbrella stands.

Old Lock and Dam Park:

No Report.

Lockmaster Cottages:

Kevin Reine stated that the East house steps need to be repainted. Mr. Reine also stated that he did a little weeding while he was there and at the West house, in the back, the metal above the cellar entrance is bent.

Christy Powell stated the "Park Closes at Dark" signs are up.

Indian Hill Overlook Park (IHOP):

Christy Powell stated that the restrooms are not open due to the water line issue. The Lockmaster stated last year we had one year to separate the water lines and that has not happen so we have no water to the restrooms. The water meter has been installed and Indiana American Water and the Town are working on separating the lines.

Unfinished Business:

Kevin Reine asked about the donated punch pass for Newburgh Elementary School. Christy Powell will check with Andrea Balboni.

Announcements:

None

Discussion:

Mary Ann Wilsbacher made a motion to adjourn.
Wanda Kavanaugh seconded and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be **May 4, 2017** at 6:00 pm at the Newburgh Community Pool (402 Park Drive).

Mary Ann Wilsbacher 05/04/17
President

Andrea Balboni
Recorder