

Newbury Township Park Board

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2026

Oberland Park

Present: Judy Barnhart, Mark Fritch, Wayne Mansfield, Joe Zelle, Jim Stephancin
Guests, trustee Dave Lair, car show committee: Eric, Amanda & Heidi, Buton/Middlefield
Rotary reps, Mike Gonzales of Geauga Soccer club, Jim Metcalf of West G Kiwanis
Meeting called to order at 7:20 after car show meeting and picnic minutes of June read and approved.

Events: car show: Dave has goodie bags coming from NOPEC Rotary would like a sticker of America 250 included in bags, they will set up a table at car show and make announcement if desired. Amanda has logo buffs for goodie bags.

-Eric checking with West G hockey club this weekend on their involvement, hoping they help with parking.

-Jim or Dave to check with scouts to see if they will participate and possibly camp out that weekend.

-Mike Gonzales of Geauga Soccer club appreciates the support of township in allowing them to use the fields. Will handle the concessions at car show and hold a basket raffle. They will set up in the NE corner of the shelter, have a vender permit already. Will take down soccer nets before Saturday and reinstall on Sunday.

-Ice cream truck and bounce house will go behind the pickleball courts. Can run electric from the power poles.

-T-shirt were ordered, will cost about \$9.00 each and come out of NOPEC money. They are NEON green with a "V" neck and no date so can be used again

-West G pep band will play the National anthem and other songs.

-Discussed parking Some large vehicles expected. Show cars will enter from front corner of old school parking lot, near playground, with trucks parking on lower level. Visitors use Park entrance. Handicap parking will be by the restroom.

-Will put billboard sign up at the corner next week. Discussed getting a few more yard signs made to place at major intersections, some were stolen last year.

Would like fire department to bring their ladder trucks and display the American Flag they need to be able to leave if needed.

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Eagle Scout projects: Max is trying to get his project approved this Sunday. Need to let him know he can't do construction during car show. His dad Joe will have a load of sand dropped on the volleyball court using some for his project.

-Jim and Wayne rototilled the volleyball court to remove the grass from the sand.

-*Tree planting:* Rotary are calling their tree planting project "The Liberty Grove" and handed out a flyer. Will check on trees to see if any trees died. Will order trees for late September or October planting. A few tree cages were made.

-*Restroom:* Large Stones were spread around bathroom trees. Wayne talked to Jim Metcalf of West G Kiwanis about installing split rail fencing around restroom and parking. They can set up a table at car show.

-Dave needs to talk to Carly so no baseball/softball games are scheduled during the car show.

-Pea gravel was dumped at the corner of the parking lot for trail construction which will begin this fall.

Maple Sugaring: No updates

Triangle Garden: Judy weeded the garden twice, Banyard grass is the biggest problem it's getting as big as the plants, fairly easy to pull out. Plants are thriving with sufficient rain.

-the parking lot was striped and seems to be helping with the parking issues.
Veterans Park: Flags will remain up through Veterans Day.
Township landscapers cut and treated the Japanese knotweed.

Next meeting: Thursday August 13 at Oberland park with a picnic.

Judy Barnhart– Newbury Park Board Secretary