

May 6, 2026 7:00 PM

Village of Newtown Parks Committee

Special Meeting

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - 2.1. Council Member Donohue
 - 2.2. Council Member Collins
 - 2.3. Council Member Thompson
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
4. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
5. Reports of Special Committees
6. Special Orders
7. Unfinished Business and General Orders
8. New Business
 - 8.1. Goal to increase tree canopy in the parks.
 - 8.1.1. Calculate current tree canopy.
 - 8.1.2. Define what we need to add and where.
 - 8.1.3. Compile a tree planting schedule.
 - 8.2. Status of Moundview Park baseball field.
 - 8.2.1. Assess current condition
 - 8.2.2. Identify improvements needed.
 - 8.2.2.1. Budget for improvements and regular maintenance costs
 - 8.2.2.2. Reach out to baseball organizations for field sponsorships
 - 8.3. Establish sustainability initiatives.
 - 8.3.1. Discuss the need for pollinator pathways to increase biodiversity.
 - 8.3.2. Reduce mowing area and replace with perennials.
 - 8.3.3. Reuse collected leaves as mulch.
 - 8.4. Private businesses/organizations using the park.
 - 8.4.1. Groups using the parks for regular scheduled activities should sign a contract. The Village of Newtown cannot assume liability for damages and injuries.
 - 8.5. How can we increase community events in the parks?
 - 8.5.1. The pavilion at Short Park is not used enough.
 - 8.5.2. The concessions kitchen at Moundview Park needs some repair before it can be used.
 - 8.5.3. Bringing back a playground to Short Park.
 - 8.5.4. Adding a fitness court to Short Park.
9. Announcements
 - 9.1. Safety Concerns

9.1.1. People using the parks should be aware of how their actions affect public safety. Actions such as spray painting, throwing metal balls, children playing on the railroad tracks, children running in front of the mower during mowing are obviously dangerous and should be avoided for the safety of everyone.

10. Adjournment