



**Mansfield Parks Advisory
Committee Minutes
March 20, 2025 3:00 PM**

Present: Emerson Pendleton, Chair
Andrew Cunningham
Gavin Longmuir
Krista Harley
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary
Chris Wolnik – Director of Infrastructure

Regrets: Mandy Little

1. Call to Order by the Secretary

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Appointment of a Chair

Moved by Longmuir and Seconded by Cunningham

That Emerson Pendleton be appointed Chair of the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee for the year 2025.

Carried.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Longmuir

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. Previous Meetings Minutes

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Longmuir

That the minutes of August 28, 2024 be approved.

Carried.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests – None

6. New Business

6.1 Mansfield Community Park

Spring Maintenance

Members requested the following:

- Screen be placed on batting cages as soon as possible;
- Grading infield and packing outfield, clean up of sticks/leaves, fallen tree limbs on roof of canteen;
- Removal of grass encroaching on infield again;
- Ramp for shed;
- Trim Cherry Trees around cenotaph;
- Vines in outfield fence;
- Regrade and fix parking lot; and
- Old gate by shed has come off its hinges.

Members discussed shortage of diamond time and requested a feasibility and costing for lighting. Chris Wolnik confirmed Mulmur has quotes and are waiting for a grant. Members requested an additional diamond be prioritized as part of additional park development.

Honeywood Diamond improvements in 2025 may alleviate diamond shortages in Mansfield.

Moved by Longmuir and Seconded by Pendleton

That the Mansfield Parks Committee formally request the Township of Mulmur investigate and prioritize the installation of lighting at the Mansfield Community Park as well as the installation of a second diamond in future Mansfield parklands.

Carried.

Chris confirmed 2025 budget requests were approved including:

- Conduit for electrical to pitching machines;
- Walking path along outfield to playground; and
- Backing attachments for the 2 bleachers.

Members requested the pitching mound repair and build-up be completed by staff in the off season of Fall 2025.

2025 User Fees: Members received the new rates.

2025 Garage Sale – Boot Sale Location: Staff have been directed to speak with Minor Ball to confirm scheduling.

6.2 Thomson Trail Park

2024/2025 Ice Rink Season: Krista Harley provided an updated, confirming this was the best season yet with 48 days straight of usable surface. Communication with staff could be improved including prep and installation of the boards and liner as well as dismantling. The walkway will require spring clean up after the winter maintenance. A new net will be added for next season, and rubber from the Honeywood Arena is set to be reused at the outdoor rink.

Chris Wolnik will schedule a meeting in the next few weeks.

Parking Lot: Chris Wolnik provided update and confirmed a parking lot is within the 2025 budget.

Spring Maintenance:

Members requested the following:

- Porta-potties installation;
- Fallen trees and brush clean up;
- Damage to lock at pickleball court to be repaired;
- Basketball court markings; and
- Install Signage at the Pickleball Court “To reserve the pickleball court contact the Township...”.

Other: Request for shade pavilion in the 2026 budget requests.

6.3 Maes Cres Park

Maintenance:

Members requested the following:

- Tree/brush clean up; and
- Installation of picnic tables.

6.4 2024 Annual Reporting

Members discussed 2024 achievements including

- Ice rink;
- Budget requests;
- Spring maintenance;
- Ice rink netting;
- Parks surveys;
- Replaced sign on canteen;
- Pickleball opening; and
- Porta potty installation.

Direction was given to staff to provide a report to Council.

6.5 Mulmur's 175

Members discussed hosting a Dominion Day Tournament in honour of the 175th Anniversary in 2026. Dates will be looked at once baseball schedules are set with Minor Ball and Men's Ball running the tournament and the Township assisting with registration and promotion.

6.6 Parks Funding Information Report

Members received the report.

7. Items for Future Meetings

7.1 Pickleball Court Signage

7.2 Mulmur 175

7.3 2025 Garage Sale

7.4 Site Visits

8. Adjournment

Moved by Harley and Seconded by Cunningham

That the Mansfield Parks Committee adjourns the meeting at 4:05 p.m. to meet again on April 29, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. at the Mansfield Community Park or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary