

Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Minutes April 29, 2025 3:30 PM

Present: Emerson Pendleton, Chair

Andrew Cunningham

Mandy Little

Chris Wolnik – Secretary Roseann Knechtel – Clerk

Regrets: Gavin Longmuir

Krista Harley

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Little

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

3. Previous Meetings Minutes

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Longmuir

That the minutes of March 20, 2025 be approved.

Carried.

4. <u>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests</u> – None

5. New Business

5.1 Mansfield Community Park

Site Visit: Deferred to next meeting.

Spring Maintenance: Members requested the following:

- Remove leaves along outer fence line
- Reverse the location of the pitchers warm up mound and set up chain link fence on opposite side to prevent stray balls from entering parking lot.
- Reposition the swing gate at the entrance to block access to the field.
- Add parking lot upgrades to the 2026 capital budget.

• Build up pitchers mound in September following the baseball season.

Other: On Sunday, May 4, 2025, the Township will be hosting a viewing party at the Mansfield Park Pavillon for an announcement from the Blue Jays Care Foundation at 1 PM. Cake and refreshments will be supplied. The baseball team practice scheduled for Sunday morning will be finishing at 12:30 to coincide with the announcement.

5.2 Thomson Trail Park

Site Visit: Deferred to next meeting.

Spring Maintenance: Members requested the following:

- Follow-up on public request to remove the rink boards to allow greater access to the basketball court.
- Pickleball court may also need some clean-up.

Consideration should be given to leaving a small segment of the rink boards up for ball hockey through the Spring- Fall. The board anchoring system may need to reinforced should the boards stay longer than winter only. Heavier hockey nets could stay as well.

Other: Locking of pickleball courts at night. Township will continue to monitor and action if misuse of the courts is occurring.

5.3 Maes Cres Park

Site Visit: Deferred to next meeting

Spring Maintenance: Noted that some tree work has occurred and picnic tables have not been placed within the park yet.

Other: None

5.4 Council motion – future ball diamond/s

Motion was received at the April 2, 2025 Council meeting. The item will be kept as a standing item on this Committee's agenda. The motion will also be of benefit as the Committee and user groups will be consulted on future ball diamond discussions.

5.5 Committee name change

Members discussed changing the name and scope of the Committee from the Mansfield Parks Committee to the Township of Mulmur Parks Committee to include Honeywood, Kingsland, etc.

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Little

That the Mansfield Parks Committee request that Council review their current name and scope to consider incorporating all Mulmur parks including Honeywood and Violet Hill within the mandate.

Carried.

5.6 Future artesian well

Members discussed the idea of creating an artesian well in Mulmur as an attraction in a future rest area. It could be modeled after the Elmvale water kiosk. The risks were discussed and it was agreed that further research is required.

6. <u>Items for Future Meetings</u>

6.1 2026 Dominion Day Ball Tournament

7. Adjournment

Moved by Little and Seconded by Cunningham

That the Mansfield Parks Committee adjourns the meeting at 4:14 p.m. to meet again on Thurs, August 28, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. at the Mansfield Community Park or at the call of the Chair.

		Carried.
Chair	Secretary	