



**Mulmur Parks Advisory
Committee (MPAC) Minutes
March 10, 2026 5 PM**

Present: Emerson Pendleton – Chair (joined at 5:21 PM)
Andrew Cunningham
Krista Harley
Gavin Longmuir
Mandy Little
Tina Walsh
Chris Wolnik- Secretary

Absent: Chester Tupling

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. Appointment of the Chair

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Longmuir.

That Emerson Pendleton be appointed Chair of the Mulmur Parks Advisory Committee

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Little and Seconded by Longmuir.

That the agenda be approved following the correction of the year of the previous meeting. .

Carried.

4. Previous Meetings Minutes

Moved by Little and Seconded by Cunningham

That the minutes of November 13, 2025 be approved.

Carried.

The completed action items in the table from previous years will be removed for the next meeting of 2026. The signage on the outfield fence, clay build-up of the batters box and trimming outfield trees were also noted as priorities.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests – None declared

6. New Business

6.1 Recreation Master Plan Update

Background was provided on the development of the 2020 Recreational Master Plan. Of the 40 recommendations, 52 % were completed and another 20 % have not been initiated. At their Feb 2026 meeting, Council brainstormed ideas for what they would like to see in an updated version of the Recreational Master Plan. MPAC would like to receive the background presentation that Chris referenced, review Council's ideas and then come to future MPAC meeting to discuss input in greater detail.

ACTION: Chris to provide committee members the Recreational Master Plan presentation summary, Council ideas from Feb 2026 meeting and schedule a discussion for a future MPAC meeting.

6.2 Thomson Trail Park

- **Outdoor ice rink**
Volunteer shortages made 2025–26 challenging. One of the main volunteers put in over 60 hours this season and won't be returning next year. Need new support for the outdoor ice rink next year. A guide will be prepared by the current volunteer core that should assist anyone who may want to take it on next year. Some of the equipment that has been used over the years will be donated while other items like hoses and reels will have to be replaced.
- **Outdoor exercise equipment**
Outdoor exercise equipment will require a base to be prepped once the park dries out a little. Installation of equipment is scheduled for late April 2026.
- **Maple Leaves Forever Foundation.**
The Foundation has agreed to honour the legacy of their founder and long-time Mulmur resident, Ken Jewitt by donating 5-10 large maple trees, a bench, and a plaque. The trees will be planted this spring and a celebration to recognize this donation will occur later this year.
- **Mansfield school.**
The new public school which will border the Thomson Trail Park in Mansfield will accommodate 325 students. The local trustee and school board staff member are scheduled to attend the June 2026 Council meeting to share an update on the school. Hopefully there will be opportunities to access recreational fields that will be part of the school design.

6.3 Maes Cres Park

Provincial encroachment ruling may affect fencing needs.

6.4 Violet Hill Park

Wayfinding signage recommended for trail system.

6.5 Honeywood Park

Blue Jays Grant renovations are nearing completion with dugouts, bleachers infield work installed. Electrical work to be completed in the next 6 weeks to accommodate connection to a pitching machine. Working with minor baseball to coordinate a date in June/July for an opening event.

6.6 Mulmur's 175th Anniversary:

Senior men's All-star game tentatively booked for July 4th (with July 11th as the back-up date. The decision on the All-star game will come at the Senior men's AGM in the next couple of weeks.

The potential 3-pitch tournament will be difficult to coordinate as the lead volunteer has limited capacity this summer. It was suggested to tie the Mulmur 175th anniversary event could be scheduled as part of the existing schedule. The Township would have a small booth at the event promoting the 175 anniversary event and selling swag as well.

ACTION: Mandy to confirm with Mansfield minor ball scheduler if there is an interest in scheduling a Mulmur 175 event as part of regularly scheduled game/games.

7 Items for Future Meetings

- Recreation Master Plan follow-up
- Terra Nova Multi-Sport Court

8 Adjournment

Moved by Harley and Seconded by Cunningham

That the Mansfield Parks Committee adjourns the meeting at 6:17 p.m. to meet again on Tues, April 21, 2026 at 5 p.m. online or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary