



**Mulmur Parks Advisory  
Committee (MPAC) Minutes  
September 22, 2026 5 PM**

Present: Emerson Pendleton – Chair  
Andrew Cunningham  
Mandy Little  
Tina Walsh  
Chris Wolnik- Secretary

Absent: Gavin Longmuir  
Chester Tupling  
Krista Harley

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04 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 Cunningham and Seconded by Little.**

That the minutes of June 9, 2026 be approved.

**Carried.**

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests – None declared**

**5. New Business**

Additional asks of committee members:

- parking lot sign at Thomson Trail Park to direct users to the parking lot.
- placing no parking and no camping signs in the Thomson Trail Park parking lot modeled after the signs at the parking lot at the MNR Fishery parking lot on River Road.
- clear the weeds from under the trees on the berms around Thomson Trail Park.

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## **5.1 Recreation Master survey results**

Resident survey was conducted over the summer as it was promoted in the Township's electronic newsletter and online. There were 79 respondents of which 80 % were permanent residents. All areas of Mulmur were represented with Mansfield at 39% and 19% from Terra Nova accounting for 58 % of respondents. Over 77 % of the respondents were aged 51-65. In terms of what recreational activities respondents have engaged in within the past 5 years in Mulmur it was spread evenly across a broad number of activities. Pickleball at Thomson Trail and Honeywood arena were the top cited activities at 19 and 15 respectively but several activities received 10+ mentions as well. Senior management is meeting this week to discuss the survey results and determine how best to incorporate them into the recreational plan update.

## **5.2 Thomson Trail Park**

- Ken Jewitt memorial- Maple Leaves Forever  
Maple Leaves Forever supported the planting of 15 maple trees within the park in the spring as a memorial to their founder Ken Jewitt, a Mulmur resident. A commemorative bench and an informational plaque were also added to this installation. The unveiling of the memorial will be tied into the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Sept 26, 2026, at the park.
- 175th Anniversary party- Sept 26  
The Economic Development Committee, supported by two Township staff, has taken the lead on organizing a community BBQ for residents on Saturday, Sept 26, 2026, from 11 AM- 2PM. The event will also highlight the new paved walking path and exercise equipment.
- Push for Outdoor Rink volunteers.  
Senior management has proposed that the rink liner be ordered for 2026-27. The outdoor rink will be constructed by Public works staff and then left to community volunteers to maintain throughout the course of the winter season. There will be one last push for volunteers. The committee discussed the potential for high school students to gather their community hours by volunteering at the Outdoor rink. It was confirmed that Rosemount Fire would support the creation of the outdoor rink as in past years.

## **5.3 Mansfield Ball diamond**

- Grass cutting issues  
This item corresponds to another item later in agenda related to maintenance accountability and will further elaborate on later in the meeting.

- **Parking lot works**

Public works staff have initiated the parking lot improvement at Mansfield Ball diamond. Initially, it was anticipated that some left-over pavement sweepings from the 10<sup>th</sup> SDR paving projects could be utilized. Granular materials from the Township gravel pit will be used to complete the parking lot.

- **Washroom issue**

The women's washroom has the concrete floor sinking into the concrete pad. It is affecting the septic piping and resulting in blockages. It will be a significant project that will need to be completed prior to spring 2027. There was some discussion about making the washrooms unisex at some point. There may be need for washrooms during Remembrance day celebrations so some contingencies may need to be put in-place should the women's washroom not be available.

#### **5.4 Terra Nova multi-court facility**

The pavement was poured last week and fence posts were installed. The court footprint was pushed further north to accommodate a request from the neighbours which resulted in slope issue. We had to give up part of the walking path on the north side to address the slope issue. The contractor damaged a geothermal line that was not included in our site diagram during the fence install. The line painting is expected to be completed by mid-October. There will be park bench and a table as part of the installation. Final landscaping plans will be implemented in spring 2027.

#### **5.5 Recreation related 2027 budget requests**

Discussed the budget process particularly with this being an election year. Many of the requests that the Committee had expressed interest in earlier have been documented in the budget request processing including a pavilion and washroom facilities at Thomson Trail. outfield fence at Honeywood Ball diamond and an elevator into the Norduff room. Other suggestions from the Committee included digital sign and outdoor basketball hoops at Honeywood and an infield refresh at Mansfield ball diamond. There was some discussion about improving communication about the availability of recreational opportunities inside the Honeywood arena in summer. Consideration should be given to staffing a small number of hours in the summer to allow public access to pickleball, basketball hoops, lacrosse and ball hockey. There was also discussion that on-line and cash payments are both available or shiny and sticks and pucks, but could 10 punch passes be considered as well. There was suggestion that Kingswood/Violet Hill residents should be surveyed to discuss what should be done with Violet Hill Park.

**5.6 Maintenance accountability**

The issue of grass cutting by a third-party contractor was discussed. Just before the July 5 Senior men's all-star game there were complaints that the field was not being cut. The contractor claimed it was being cut as scheduled on Tues and Friday but left longer to ensure it would remain healthy. Discussed the need to have greater oversight on the Township's part. The contractor is now providing date-stamped pictures to ensure that the service has been completed.

**5.7 Pickleball court availability for users and organizations**

Reviewed the process for on-line booking of pickleball at Thomson Trail Park.

**6.0 Next steps- Council committees- 2026-2030**

The Parks Advisory committee term ends with Councils term. The new Township of Mulmur Council will decide on committees and invite applications from the public to participate. The Chair and Secretary thanked everybody for their efforts over this last term of the Committee.

**7.0 Adjournment**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Walsh**

That the Mansfield Parks Committee adjourns the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Carried.**

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**