

**HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY PARK BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

The Horning's Mills Community Park Board held a meeting via Microsoft Teams on the 10th day of October 2023 at 6:15 pm. Members present were Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Bill Neilson, Nanci Malek, and Lynn Hodgson. Jim Hill was not in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Deputy Mayor/Chair McLean called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Deputy Mayor McLean recited the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**ADDITIONS:**

None

**DELETIONS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Approval of the agenda was moved by Malek, seconded by Hodgson. Carried.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

None

**APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:**

The draft minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, were reviewed and approved as circulated – moved by Councillor Neilson, seconded by Malek. Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

None

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Melancthon Day – June 24, 2023**

*Debrief*

The Board members felt that Melancthon Day 2023 was generally a success. Many compliments were received with regards to the live music provided by Dufferin County Line. The Horning's Mills Community Hall Board reported that the market vendors did satisfactorily, and they will hopefully have a similar market for 2024's event. Deputy Mayor McLean voiced that the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department BBQ was more of a success than the previous year and will inquire about their thoughts on the BBQ for 2024, with the Park Board debating about the potential use of food trucks. The MMFD will be asked if they are interested in organizing the first responders' challenge. The bouncy structures provided and supervised by We The Bounce, Shelburne, were a huge success. Deputy Mayor McLean is waiting on an updated budget as to the money made at the event, and he reported that most of the expenses were covered.

*Ideas/Plans for Next Year's Event*

1. It was suggested by members of the Park Board that there should be some type of an attraction during Melancthon Day to draw more adults to the event. A beer garden/tent was mentioned. Malek recommended having GoodLot Farmstead Brewing Co. from Alton for the event, as they have a mobile trailer as a fully functioning bar and their own servers. The beer garden/tent would potentially be set up

north of the pavilion, near the live music. A licence and insurance would need to be obtained. Picnic tables or tables and chairs would need to be borrowed or rented, and a fenced-in area would be required. A wristband system would need to be in effect, as well as the presence of security. Malek will reach out to GoodLot to inquire about the cost and how self-sufficient they are.

2. Potentially have the band Campfire Poets perform.
3. Steve Baker to perform magic for all ages.
4. Three to four variations of food trucks.
5. Afternoon ball game. Deputy Mayor McLean will inquire if the Mansfield Minor Ball Association would be interested in having a couple of teams play.

The date for Melancthon Day 2024 is set for Saturday, June 22, and Deputy Mayor McLean will notify Kaitlin Chessell to include the date in the upcoming Melancthon Township newsletter, which will be circulated in February.

Board members are to think of a potential theme for the 2024 event.

#### **Beautification and Upgrades of the Park**

The Park Board members would like to see the pavilion upgraded, including having access to running water, which will further encourage more rental of the space.

Adding floral gardens to beautify the park was mentioned, but a hurdle would be maintaining them without running water.

Having an additional section of bleachers at the diamond for the spectators. Deputy Mayor McLean will reach out to Mansfield Minor Ball to see if there is a need for a second set.

The planning and development of a walking path would require the involvement of an engineer.

Investing in picnic tables for the park.

#### **Other/Additions**

The current condition of the ball diamond was discussed with regards to the increased growth of weeds. The Board is questioning if more screenings need to be applied and if the diamond should be worked more frequently. The play equipment within the gravel area is currently up to code, but the Park Board needs to inquire about the Romper Bus.

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### *Advertising Signage*

The Board decided to defer this item to a later date.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:**

The Horning's Mills Community Park Board puts forth a recommendation that Melancthon Township include within the 2024 budget the funding to cover the cost of architectural blueprints for a new retrofitted pavilion including access to water.

#### **CONFIRMATION MOTION:**

Moved by Malek, seconded by Hodgson. Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be decided upon at the call of Deputy Mayor/Chair McLean once Melancthon Township's 2024 budget has been approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm. Moved by Malek, seconded by Councillor Neilson. Carried.