

**HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY PARK BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

The Horning's Mills Community Park Board held a meeting at the Horning's Mills Community Hall on the 8th day of May 2024 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was initially to be held at the park, but due to inclement weather, it was moved to the hall. Members present were Deputy Mayor James McLean, Councillor Bill Neilson, Jim Hill, Nanci Malek, and Lynn Hodgson.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Deputy Mayor/Chair McLean called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Deputy Mayor McLean recited the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**ADDITIONS:**

Hodgson requested to add to the agenda a discussion of having a free kids' draw for a gift basket during Melancthon Day.

**DELETIONS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Approval of the amended agenda was moved by Malek, seconded by Councillor Neilson. Carried.

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

None

**APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES:**

The draft minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, were reviewed and approved as circulated – moved by Hill, seconded by Malek. Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

None

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

None

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Priorities for 2024**

*Beautification*

Deputy Mayor McLean followed up with Jeanette Burke from Horning's Mills, who had expressed interest in creating a couple of flower beds at the pavilion entrance to the park. She plans on using her own topsoil, compost from the hall, and perennials from her home garden. Jeanette will be donating all materials and volunteering her time.

*Horning's Mills Park Sign*

Hodgson presented to fellow board members a photo of the current "Horning's Mills Community Park" sign located along the north fence by the children's play equipment area. The sign is visibly in poor condition and needs to be replaced. A new sign may potentially be double sided and relocated, possibly closer to the pavilion. Hill suggested looking into a laser-cut stainless steel sign. Malek will design a graphic of the sign, which would be 5 feet by 10 feet in size, have "Horning's Mills Community Park" on it,

and exhibit the Melancthon Township logo. When complete, Malek will forward to Hill, who will get a rough quote and ask for pictures of examples of signs previously done.

### **Melancthon Day – June 22, 2024**

#### *Promotions*

Malek reported that “Save The Date” promotions on social media have received positive feedback. Currently, the First Responders’ Challenge has not been advertised, as Deputy Mayor McLean is waiting on confirmation of participating teams. The Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department and Dundalk Fire Department are both confirmed, but the Rosemont District Fire Department and Shelburne and District Fire Department have yet to confirm.

Starting in the middle of the following week, Malek noted that the advertising will focus on specific activities happening on Melancthon Day. The posters to be posted throughout the community will be designed by Malek and will be forwarded to Denise Holmes to be printed. Councillor Neilson and Hodgson will distribute the posters.

Advertising will be done closer to the date on Country 105 radio. Malek will set up an appointment for Deputy Mayor McLean to do the interview.

#### *Bouncy Castle*

We The Bounce has been secured for Melancthon Day with a deposit from Melancthon Township. The inflatables will be located in left field.

#### *Beer Garden*

Malek reported that the OPP will be volunteering their time to provide security for the beer garden, as well as having an educational table set up providing information on road safety, etc.

NDACT volunteers will run the beer garden and will have a table with silent auction items and for taking Krispy Kreme Donut orders. NDACT will also be stressing to the public the importance of registering one’s well.

The Public Works Department will install the snow fence for the beer garden, which will be located by the live band at the pavilion.

#### *Food Trucks*

Councillor Neilson reported that Blitzful Treats will be present, selling 12 flavours of ice cream, slushies, and other cold treats. Councillor Neilson will reach out to ensure they are aware that there is no internet at the park, as WiFi would be needed to allow use of a debit machine.

The Knox United Church will be selling their butter tarts.

Deputy Mayor McLean reported that the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department will be selling hamburgers, beverages, hot dogs, and a vegetarian option. He will ask if they can provide any additional options.

Deputy Mayor McLean has not had a reply from The Wood Smoke Shack and may try to follow up with them again.

#### *Kids’ Baseball Game*

Deputy Mayor McLean reported that Mansfield Minor Ball will have two teams playing at 5:00 pm. A mixture of the teams may potentially then challenge the first responders to a ball game. Deputy Mayor McLean will follow up to see if the responders are interested.

#### *Logistics*

Deputy Mayor McLean will be a runner.

Councillor Neilson and Hill will supervise the north entrance gate, and Malek and Hodgson the main gate at the pavilion.

Deputy Mayor McLean reported that the Public Works Department will set up the snow fence for the beer garden. Malek will meet with Craig Micks at the park to outline the exact location. Public Works will look after transporting and setting up the tables and chairs from the hall.

The fireworks will be set up in centre field.

Hodgson will bring a money box, with the second one being borrowed from the hall.

Hodgson will make two posters, one for each entrance gate, reading "Admission By Donation".

Malek will get two donation boxes.

Hodgson will make 125 candy kabobs, to be sold for \$4.00 each.

Councillor Neilson reported that an extra port a potty has been reserved for the day, along with a hand washing station. The Public Works Department will provide additional garbage cans.

#### **Ball Diamond Maintenance and Usage**

Deputy Mayor McLean heard from Mansfield Minor Ball that they were very unsatisfied with the condition of the ball diamond. The Public Works Department has prioritized the park. The grass has been rolled, and the diamond has improved after being graded. Deputy Mayor McLean reported that with the new hiring of an employee, the park will be maintained regularly every week. Mansfield Minor Ball has requested that pegs be sunk/set into the diamond to secure the bases. The installation of pegs would be done professionally at a one-time expense, benefitting all teams. Deputy Mayor McLean will seek some quotes.

#### **Combining the Park Boards – Melancthon Parks and Recreation Board**

Deputy Mayor McLean reported that the Horning's Mills Park Board and the Corbetton Park Board will be amalgamating to form the Melancthon Parks and Recreation Board. The new board will be composed of two council members and seven members of the public. The larger board will be able to provide more activities in all the villages: Corbetton, Horning's Mills, and Riverview. A motion is currently in front of Melancthon Council to dissolve the existing Horning's Mills Park Board in mid-July. Interested members would need to reapply for the new board.

#### **Other/Additions**

Hodgson suggested having a free kids' draw for two baskets filled with summer fun items such as bubbles, Frisbees, beach towels, sand pails and shovels, etc. Each basket would be around \$50.00 to assemble. Councillor Neilson will print the tickets for the draw. Hodgson will purchase items and organize the baskets.

#### **CONFIRMATION MOTION:**

Moved by Malek, seconded by Councillor Neilson. Carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held at the Horning's Mills Community Park, weather permitting, on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Moved by Hill, seconded by Hodgson. Carried.