

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting on July 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chair Ruth Plowright, Vice-Chair Doug Read, Members Jessica Plowright, David Thwaites, Lynn Hodgson and Bill Neilson, also present was Becky Cunnington, Parks and Recreation Board Secretary. Absent was Member Darren White. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Plowright shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Amended Agenda

Additions

None

Deletions

None

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by J. Plowright that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Hodgson that the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting held on June 9, 2025, be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declaration declared at this time.

General Business

1) New/Other/Addition

None

2) Unfinished Business

1. Melancthon Day/Weekend Events – Post Events Wrap-Up & Discussion

The following post event discussion was had:

Corbetton BBQ & Riverview Breakfast – Both events went very well and were well attended. Recommendation to continue to do both of these events moving forward.

Music Entertainment – Overall the Entertainment went well however a discussion was had that having only two bands or musical acts next year may be something to consider.

Glowsticks/Led Sparklers – These went over really well and it was recommended to order them again for next year.

Melancthon Shirts – T-Shirt sales did well, several sizes and styles sold out and additional shirt orders were taken. Chair Plowright will look after ordering the additional shirts sold.

Suggestions for Next Year:

The Members discussed the possibility of starting the event later next year, possibly around 5:00 p.m. unless additional entertainment, games or demonstrations are scheduled as they felt there was a lot of open time where there wasn't a lot going on to keep people entertained. The Board also discussed the possibility including an Indigenous element to the event, to reach out Indigenous entertainers and/or artists to come to the event. Member Plowright suggested the "Brave Canoe" who had attended an Early Years program and Chair Plowright suggested she could reach out to Janet Horner to see if she had a contact to reach out to.

Advertising – Some feedback given at one of the events was that more advertising for the event would be good. The group discussed the possibility of utilizing the radio and or newspaper next year to advertise the events if it is free or not too expensive to do so.

2. Riverview Park

Deferred to the next meeting.

3. Horning's Mills Park – Netting for Backstop

A discussion was had regarding the options Member Thwaites had included in his email. It was decided that further research should be done prior to selecting an option. It was suggested that if Members were visiting or driving by other ball diamonds to stop and see if they had installed something similar and report back. Additionally, Chair

Plowright would look for information on a heavy-duty screen/mesh that may also be an option.

4. Corbetton Park Basketball Nets & Slide

It was reported that the backstops on the basketball nets had been replaced. Member Thwaites had noticed the night of the Corbetton BBQ that one of the nets seemed to not be locking in place. Vice-Chair Read volunteered to have a look at it.

The Slide discussion had been deferred until additional money can be found to help with the cost.

The Board also discussed planting some trees at the Corbetton Park to help with shade in the future. Chair Plowright suggested using trees from the Horning's Mills Hall Tree Lighting could be a possibility next year.

5. Letter for Funding – Next Steps

Chair Plowright will compile a list of businesses and companies to approach for sponsorship and circulate to the group for review and suggestions of additional places to approach. A discussion was had that once the list was complete Chair Plowright and a few Board Members would deliver letters in person as opposed to mailing them out. Township Staff were directed to provide Information on the Wind Turbine companies currently operating in the Township as the Board would like to include them in their list.

6. Terms of Reference

Township Staff advised that Council had reviewed the Terms of Reference and requested some revisions be made prior to approval. Township Staff will complete the revisions and once approved will forward to the Board.

3) Brainstorming

1. Future Projects

The Board discussed possible future projects/events they could do, which included:

2. Touch a Truck Event – Spring or Fall 2026

This would include Trucks or Equipment from the Roads Department, Fire Trucks and a Car Show

3. An Outdoor Rink – Winter 2026-2027 Horning's Mills Park

Reach out to the Township of Mulmur to inquire what is involved with setting up and maintaining their outdoor rink. Township Staff were also directed to inquire if additional insurance would be required.

4. A Running Event or Biking Event – Possibly reach out to a gym or physio clinic to assist with the event.

5. A Trunk Sale – Held at the Horning’s Mills Ball Park

The Board also discussed sending out a “Survey of Events” through the Township’s email list to find out what type of events and activities the Residents of the Township would like to see in the future.

Recommendations to Council

None

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by Read, Seconded by Hodgson that all actions of the Members and Officers of the Parks and Recreation Board with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

Adjournment

8:05 p.m. - Moved by Thwaites, Seconded by J. Plowright that we adjourn this Parks and Recreation Board meeting to meet again at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY