

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting on June 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chair Bill Neilson, Vice-Chair R. Plowright, Members Jessica Plowright, Lynn Hodgson, Darren White and Doug Read, also present was Becky Cunnington, Parks and Recreation Board Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Neilson shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Amended Agenda

Additions

Resignation of Vice-Chair D. Thwaites – Chair Neilson

Deletions

None

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Read, Seconded by J. Plowright that the agenda be approved as ammended. Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Hodgson, Seconded by R. Plowright that the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting held on May 25, 2026, be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict of interest were made.

General Business

1) Additions

1. Resignation of Vice-Chair D. Thwaites

Chair Neilson advised the Board that Vice-Chair D. Thwaites had submitted his resignation from the Parks and Recreation Board. Chair Neilson noted that Mr. Thwaites would be missed and thanked him for

his passion and dedication to the Board. As a result of the vacancy, the following motion was presented:

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by Read that Member Ruth Plowright be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board for the remainder of the term. Carried.

2) Unfinished Business

1. Horning's Mills Park Sign

This item was deferred

2. Corbetton Park Slide

Township Staff advised that the slide installation would be completed the next day, June 16, 2026.

3. Melancthon Day

The Board discussed plans for the upcoming Melancthon Day/Weekend events, including event logistics and volunteer responsibilities. A list of items requiring Public Works assistance was put together and Township Staff were directed to forward it to Public Works.

4. Touch a Truck Event – August 8th, 2026

Member Read advised that there would be no cost for the "Tow Mater" look-alike truck.

Chair Neilson confirmed that Blitzful Treats, the Shelburne & District Fire Department, and the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department would be participating in the event. He also advised that a derby car participant had expressed interest in attending.

Member Hodgson advised that a letter had been dropped off at Premier John Deere in Alliston and, although a response had not yet been received, it appeared promising that they would participate.

The Board discussed reaching out to additional participants, including the Dufferin County OPP and paramedics, with Member White volunteering to make those inquiries. Chair Neilson also volunteered to contact local farmers regarding displaying farm equipment at the event.

The Board discussed including Township vehicles as part of the event, and Member White suggested a children's activity where a plow blade could be painted.

Vice-Chair Plowright suggested several children's activities, including potato painting and a possible hayride. It was suggested that a local potato farmer be approached regarding a donation of potatoes and that Lennox Farms be contacted to determine their interest in providing a hayride.

Member J. Plowright suggested reaching out to Nathan Prince regarding bringing equipment and an additional derby car, and Member Read volunteered to contact him.

3) Brainstorming

1. Community Garage Sale Next Year

Vice-Chair Plowright advised that the community garage sale organized by the residents of Horning's Mills went well. Member Read expressed interest in holding a similar event in Corbetton, and the Board discussed the idea of organizing a multi-hamlet community garage sale next year.

Recommendation to Council

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by White, Seconded by J. Plowright 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

7:48 p.m. - Moved by Hodgson, Seconded by Read that we adjourn this Parks and Recreation Board meeting to meet again on Monday July 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY