CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Parks and Recreation Board held a meeting on September 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chair Bill Neilson, Vice-Chair Ruth Plowright, Members Jessica Plowright, Lynn Hodgson, Doug Read, and Darren White, also present was Becky Cunnington, Parks and Recreation Board Secretary. The meeting was called to order at 6:53 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Neilson shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Amended Agenda

Additions

None.

Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Plowright, Seconded by Hodgson that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Read, Seconded by White that the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting held on August 31, 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.

Public Question Period

None.

General Business

1) Unfinished Business

1. Horning's Mills Park

i. Multi-Use Pad

The Board reviewed information obtained from the Town of Shelburne regarding its new multi-use pad, along with previously received information concerning a pump track. The Board estimated that the proposed improvements to Horning's Mills Community Park would cost approximately $350,000. Funding options discussed included allocating funds through the Township's annual budget over a two to three year period, seeking sponsorships, and applying for grant funding. Following the discussion, the Board directed Township staff to prepare a recommendation for Council's consideration.

ii. Email from S. Culshaw regarding DC's

The Board received the email from Township Treasurer Sarah Culshaw regarding DC's as information.

iii. Sign

The Board discussed setting a date for an onsite visit to the Horning's Mills Community Park for the placement of the second Park sign. It was decided that they would defer until the Spring.

2. Corbetton Park

i. Community Message Board

Member White advised that the project was still in the works.

ii. Little Libraries for Corbetton Park and Horning's Mills Hall

Vice-Chair Plowright advised that she had found Little Library kits on Amazon and would volunteer to assemble them if the Board were in agreement to purchase the kit.

Moved by J. Plowright, Seconded by Hodgson that the Parks and Recreation Board pay for the purchase of one Little Library kit for the Corbetton Park. Carried.

3. Corbetton Trail Trek -Event

The Board discussed the Trail Trek event, reviewed outstanding items, and assigned related duties and responsibilities accordingly.

4. 2027 Budget

Township Staff advised the Board that they would need to have their budget requests gathered for next meeting to submit to the Treasurer as it would be their last meeting of the year. Township staff will provide the financial details from the year to the Board to be sent out with the agenda.

2) Brainstorming

None.

Recommendation to Council

8.2.1.i Horning's Mills Park; Multi-Use Pad

At its recent meeting, the Parks and Recreation Board discussed future improvements to the Horning's Mills Community Park.

Recommendation

As a result of the discussion the Board recommends that Council consider allocating funds through the 2027 budget process for the future development and improvement of Horning's Mills Community Park, including a multi-use pad, pump track and other park amenities.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by White, Seconded by Read 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

7:40 p.m. - Moved by J. Plowright Seconded by Read that we adjourn this Parks and Recreation Board meeting to meet again on October 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Carried.

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CHAIR SECRETARY