

Minutes of Mission Township Park Committee Meeting October 1, 2025

The meeting was held at Mission Park at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Committee members and others present or participating were Jim Peterson, Michael Blassey, Jim Strampe, Bob Steele, Dave Baker, and Tim Moody.

Fall shutdown: Jim P. proposed the closure/shutdown of various amenities and the water be done the week of October 20th with is consistent with 2024. After discussion all agreed and those available to help will meet on the 20th at the park to begin the closure. Bob will laminate signs to post around the park of the closing. Tim will move liquid items that should not be exposed to freezing from the shed to the snowplow building sometime this fall.

Tennis courts: Everyone is satisfied with the crack repairs that were completed late summer. The committee will reassess the cleaning of the courts in the spring. Unfortunately due to lack of rain, there hasn't been significant improvement in the appearance of the courts after the Wet & Forget was applied.

It was agreed any replacements of windscreens will be delayed until 2026. There are a few replacement screens in the shed. One tennis net is torn but there is an additional net in the shed that can be used as a replacement in 2026.

Tractor and other mechanical items: The committee will readdress any potential equipment needs in early 2026 and determine whether to apply for any grants to assist with funding. The tractor will be converted to plowing snow later this fall. Tim is compiling a list of items in the shed and the snowplow building that don't seem to get used and decisions will be made on what to do with those items; sell or dispose or donate. The family of Ray Holm recently donated a small trailer to the township for use in the park. Bob will send a letter or message to the Holm family acknowledging the donation and thanking them for it.

Trails: There are a couple of trees on the trails that are leaning and still need to be removed. The committee members will reassess and remove if possible. Michael indicated a new short trail was recently cut into the woods with assistance from Bud Hays, Dave Baker, and himself.

Tim will plow the paved trail during the winter with Bob being the backup. Michael will groom the ski trails with possible assistance from Tim.

Light pole replacement – parking lot: Bob indicated he has contracted with Timberidge Electric to have the pole replaced (with a metal pole). Prior to replacement a concrete footing needs to be placed in the ground. Bob is addressing that and it may require assistance from our committee members. Bob will also call Gopher Electric to have power lines marked before digging.

Other: A few of the disc golf signs may need to be repaired or replaced. Michael and Bob will look at them after they are taken down for the year and determine what needs replacement. Dave indicated he will post signs in the park and trails to notify walkers of the trails to be cautious of hunters that may be in the area (to wear bright clothing).