

Minutes of Mission Township Park Committee Meeting May 16, 2026

The meeting was held at Mission Park at 8:30 a.m.

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

Tennis courts: Everyone is satisfied with the recent cleaning of the courts (including the basketball and pickleball courts). There is one remaining crack from the cleaning on Court #1 that will be filled within a week weather permitting.

There was discussion about potential repainting of all four courts. During the cleaning process by Outdoor Specialties, Bob, Tim, and Jim P. met with Nate Sauvageau who proposed a two-coat repainting of the tennis courts. The courts were last resurfaced in 2017 and there is some evidence of prior patched areas being compromised if the courts are not repainted. Nate S. gave a verbal proposal to repaint all four courts for a cost of approximately \$28,000. The committee agreed to recommend repainting to the township board. Jim P. indicated he would reach out to Nate S. to obtain a written proposal.

There was also discussion of painting pickleball court lines on the two east courts when/if the courts are repainted. The committee agreed with this as it is fairly common to see on public park courts.

Two tennis nets were worn out and thrown away. One new one has already been ordered and another will be ordered. There is one missing windscreen and it will be replaced with a new one which is in storage.

Tractor/Mower: The committee discussed potential replacement of the tractor with a zero-turn mower and an ATV/side-by-side. It currently takes a few hours with 2-3 people to change the tractor over from plowing to mowing and vice-versa. The ATV would be used for winter plowing of the trail, would have a dump bucket, and would have a hitch for trailers to move items around the park. It could also be used to tow a brush cutter for more significant trail cutting if needed. All committee members supported this proposal. Bob has been researching mowers and ATV's. He will also try to determine trade-in value of the existing tractor and accessories before a decision is made to trade-in or sell outright. He also indicated he would look at potential grant opportunities.

Pickleball reservation system: Dave indicated the Court Reserve system was difficult to administer and it was noted the number of people participating dropped last year. He is going to look at another potential system. Until any decision or recommendation is made there are no reservations and all play is open play.