

Minutes of Mission Township Park Committee Meeting July 27, 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:

There was continued discussion about potential repainting of all four courts. At the July Mission Township monthly Board Meeting the Supervisors approved this project subject to Bob Steele exploring the opportunity of any grants to assist with the cost. Jim P. had recently received a message from Nate Sauvageau from Outdoor Specialties that their company was booked for the remainder of 2026 and cannot schedule the job to be completed this year. Jim P. indicated he would reach out to Nate to tell him the township is still interested and it's possible this will need to be pushed to 2027. Bob will look into potential grants in the meantime.

Jim P. asked if all the tennis nets and pickleball nets were in good condition after two tennis nets were replaced this year and was told they were.

Tractor/Mower: Bob shared the discussion and recommendation of the Mission Township Board with respect to a new mower and ATV. The board approved a plan to purchase these items at the July Board meeting. The plan is to purchase the equipment from a John Deere dealer and trade-in the existing John Deere tractor and all the accessories. Bob and others will assist with trailering the tractor and accessories to a dealer to explore a trade-in value. Bob also indicated he told the Board he wanted to explore potential grant opportunities before any deal is reached on a purchase of these items.

Pickleball reservation system: Dave indicated the Court Reserve system is difficult to administer, was becoming more costly, and participation was dropping. He recommended no reservation system for 2027. Michael indicated it would be good if there was a standing reservation on Friday mornings in the future for "Mission Township Women". If necessary and wanted, the township could also consider another day and time for Mission Township Men or Children.

Trails and pollinator garden: The trails are in good condition and continue to be used extensively. Some trimming of tree branches overhanging the trails should be completed later this year.

Other matters: The family of Ray Holm would like to donate and dedicate a bench in his name to the park. The Committee will work with the family on placement when this occurs.

Some disk golf signs need to be repaired or replaced. Michael will coordinate.