

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED MINUTES
October 6, 2025**

Present: Debbie Floor, Jan Gordon, Teri Hable, Marcia Pedzinski, Erika Pickles

Absent:

Gordon called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call attendance was taken and the proposed minutes of the September regular meeting were presented, Floor made a motion to accept the minutes, Hable seconds, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Invoices included electric, fuel, port-a-johns, tree service, and miscellaneous supplies. Motion made by Floor to accept the report as presented, seconded by Pedzinski, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Removing/replacing split rail fence around parking lot at Pepper Martin: the work is scheduled to begin October 6, the wood will take time to cure before finishing
- Fence repair from fallen tree at Pepper Martin to be done in conjunction with work on the split rail fencing, as well as the fencing along the road
- Replacing signs at Sholtey, Kiddie Korral, and Pepper Martin: Gordon working on this; ongoing project as we try bundling with signs for Barron Lake and Coulter cemeteries
- Possibility of converting tennis courts at Jones to pickleball: currently consulting with local pickleball players; ongoing project
- John Deere tractor repair has been completed and the bill has been submitted
- Replacement of older mowers: quotes were collected from Cass Power for Grasshopper brand mowers and from Greenmark Equipment for John Deere brand mowers. Discussion included cash price versus financing, discounts, options for trade-ins, and maintenance costs over the past 2 years on current mowers. Based on all the information available, the Board will submit a proposal to the Trustees at the October Township meeting to purchase two John Deere mowers for \$21,200 in order to obtain the equipment most efficient and reliable for the upkeep of the five parks and four cemeteries in Howard Township
- Small pavilion at Pepper Martin – ongoing discussion and monitoring of condition; there are no new changes in deterioration of the pavilion noted at this time
- 5 year Master Plan – ongoing project; Hable adding points to plan after each meeting

New Business:

- Water shut off; Gordon will call Roberts and schedule to do this before end of October
- Quote received for leaf removal at Hatcherville \$3000
- Discussion of trash and port-a-johns at Pepper Martin to be addressed specifically to be able to remove unneeded services after ball season ends
- HTBL update: Nick Asmus is new president of the league; refrigerators have been emptied and a fall clean-up day will be scheduled; registration will open January 1st for 2026 season

Park Supervisor's report:

- Closing of the parks at sundown seems to be working well; will be scheduling pick up of port-a-johns soon

Township Park reports:

Hatcherville/Hable: nothing new to report

Jones/Gordon: nothing new to report

Kiddie Korral/Pedzinski: nothing new to report

Pepper Martin/Floor: nothing new to report

Sholtey/Pickles: noted a broken piece of fencing recently; this has already been repaired

A motion to adjourn was made by Pickles, seconded by Floor

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 10, 2025 @6p, due to special election to be held on Nov 4th

Respectfully submitted
Marcia Pedzinski, secretary