

Helena Township Parks & Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2026

Time: 7:03 PM

Location: Township Offices

Present: Jim, Butch, Oryana, Rian, Steve, Barry, Brian

Absent: Gordy

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:03 PM**.

2. Approval of Minutes (03/2026)

Minutes from the March 4, 2026 meeting were reviewed and **approved as presented**.

3. Information from Monthly Helena Township Meeting

The Township Board has requested a **second quote** for the court project. Steve is obtaining that quote from **Tennis Courts Unlimited**.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Updates

Now that snow is receding, Brian will survey CIP locations and provide an updated assessment.

6. Proposal to Remove Courts and Build New Courts in Tennis Court Park

The committee needs to schedule a **meeting with the public in May** to present the proposal to remove the existing tennis/pickleball courts and build new courts in the lower section of Tennis Court Park. The committee agreed to hold the meeting with the public on **May 6, 2026**. The meeting will be advertised on April 22; posted if possible.

Action items:

- **Brian** will outline the meeting agenda.
- **Barry** will present at the meeting with the public.
- **Rian** will build feedback forms.
- **Oryana** will post to the website and place an advertisement in the newspaper.

7. Ball Park Project

Gordy was not present. No update.

8. Annual Meeting with Community Groups – April 22

Steve suggested canceling the P/R stakeholder meeting on April 22, as the Township is already hosting a meeting with stakeholders on that date. The committee agreed. Rian will take **5 minutes** during the Township’s April 22 meeting to introduce Parks & Recreation and ask stakeholders to work directly with the P/R Committee going forward.

9. Tennis Net and Pickleball Net/Frame Replacement

Steve noted that the indoor pickleball frame and net are a **great improvement**. The tennis and volleyball nets will be going up in April.

10. Tennis/Pickleball Court Repair

Tennis Courts Unlimited will be providing Steve with a second quote for court repair, as requested by the Township Board.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Helena Township Pickleball Advisory Committee (HTPAC)

No update.

12. Rules for Ball Park and Other Parks

Residents around the ballfield have raised concerns about enforcement and notification for issues arising from park visitors encroaching and trespassing on neighboring properties. **Oryana has added additional MOU language to address these concerns** and is awaiting a response.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **8:11 PM**.