



## BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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### **Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT**

**4/9/2026 5:30 PM Township office.**

Attendees: Shelly Sercombe, Kay Brown, Dave Elwell, Phil Preston  
Absent: Phil Szkutowicz

Call to Order 5:30

Public Comments (2 minutes): none

1. Approve minutes from 1/15/2026 Parks Meeting. *Approved*
2. **Review picnic table types for pavilion:** Barco provided quotes on three tables using different materials: wood tops, composite, and metal, Committee selected composite (longest warranty), with a fit for the area of the pavilion- 8 tables recommended. Barco is a Sourcewell ( gov discount ) registered supplier. We have a likely sponsor for this order. Quoted cost of \$8,666. Slight changes may be made at order time.
3. **Rod Mills drainage plan for consideration & approval.** Committee approved pursuing getting quotes for French drain at Rod Mills park to drain the south end of the park into the woods. Jack Ripstra will seek quotes for the work... was estimated at \$11,000.
4. **Field requests and status....** Working towards more fields. Fields are scarce with multiple organizations requesting field time. Phil & Dave to explore any options of property already owned. Rod mills drainage may provide usable field space.
5. **Budget Status:** funds available, allocated, and desired projects being worked on **are attached.** Drinking fountain is being changed to just hose hook up by committee decision because most people are bringing their own water bottles.

## **Committee Discussion**

- Grill for the new pavilion.
  - o We have one grill and will put this on a concrete pad after current construction is completed.
- Need rules for the pickleball courts.
  - o Phil will send out rules from Cascades for review by the committee.
- Improve the rope between the parking lot and soccer field. Rope or rocks?
- Complex is under camera use.

Reported by Phil Preston. /s/

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Park Budget Summary.

funds for 2026	\$300,000
<b>funds allocated</b>	
finish electrical	17,800.00
finish concrete	21,278.00
finish P Ball courts	47,593.00
maintenance / miscellaneous	56,000.00
total allocated	142,671.00

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**\$157,329.00**

**Desired remaining projects**

Picnic tables	10,000.00	request to AM 1
20,000 concrete	20,000.00	walkways & around bathroom
drinking fountain	10,000.00	change to just hose hookup.
french drain Rod M.	15,000.00	
Basket ball hoop repari	400.00	
diamond dust	500.00	
Playground mulch	500.00	
	56,400.00	

**\$157,329** minus **56,400** = **\$100,929.00** Estimated at end of the year.

**Other?**

B & H field improvements	~\$100,000
back trail	~\$100,000