

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION  
MAY 14, 2018 MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Trustee Hampel, Trustee Bard, Trustee Holman, Treasurer Beegle, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor Jeske, Trustee Cisneros

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Even and (8) eight interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Jeske called the Monday, May 14, 2018 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:00 AM at the township hall and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED** the May 14, 2018 work session agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – encouraged the Board of Trustees to repair the sound system in the meeting room.
- 2) Bob Penny, 5830 Duck Lake Road – Shared information regarding the closure of Muskegon McGrath Park possibly until November due to strong scientific evidence that the sap beetle is active if there are two consecutive days above 45 degrees temperature.
- 3) Bob Murray, 5582 Duck Lake Road – Provided the Board of Trustees with additional information about himself for consideration on the Parks & Recreation Commission vacancy.
- 4) Kim Kotos, 6171 Duck Lake Road – Supports Bob Murray for the appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Also supports the conservation easement under consideration on the Duck Creek Natural Area.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS:** Supervisor Jeske stated that a bicycle road race called Weekend at White Lake Stage Race will be occurring on May 19, 2018 in the township. The road race will occur along South Shore Drive, Michillinda and Nestrom Roads during the day and time trials will be conducted in the evening starting at the White River Light Station. Supervisor Jeske also stated that we are all invited to the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Rail Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 20<sup>th</sup> at noon at a place yet to be determined. Trustee Hampel invited all to a trail discovery with the Friends of the Fruitland Township Multi-Use Trail group on June 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be walking/hiking the Duck Creek Natural Area.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Duck Creek Property and Draft Conservation Easement – Clerk Rillema provided a brief history of the request for a potential conservation easement and the work of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee since received nearly four years ago. The Board of Trustees was asked if there was enough interest to move forward with a conservation easement – all were interested except Trustee Bard. The Board of Trustees discussed the property where

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heavily burdened and lightly burdened areas could exist. Attorney Even will start to make the language amendments to the Conservation Easement Agreement. Clerk Rillema will contact April Scholtz of the Land Conservancy of West Michigan and inform her of our okay to go forward with a conservation easement on the property with suggested areas to be heavily burdened and lightly burdened.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Tax Foreclosure – Treasurer Beegle stated that parcel #61-06-126-300-0001-25 vacant land is up for tax sale. The parcel is considered unbuildable due to an illegal land split. The board is not interested in purchasing at this time. Treasurer Beegle will inform the County of Muskegon and will try to forward the tax sale information to the neighboring properties for potential interest in acquiring.
- 2) MCRC Performance and Indemnification Resolution – Clerk Rillema stated that this Resolution is necessary to approve today due to the recent request to do the additional brining on Simonelli Road. Clerk Rillema has received payment for the brining which is to occur by the end of the week.

Motion by Treasurer Beegle, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve Resolution 2018-10 – Performance and Indemnification for Brining.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Bard **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Treasurer Beegle **AYE**, Trustee Cisneros **AYE**, Trustee Hampel **AYE**, Clerk Rillema **AYE**, Supervisor Jeske **AYE** – **motion carried**

- 3) Release of Liability – WLFA Donation of AED – Supervisor Jeske stated that the White Lake Fire Authority would like to donate an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the township. They have recently upgraded some of their units. A liability release form has been reviewed by Attorney Even for approval at the Monday Regular meeting.
- 4) Parks & Recreation Commission Appointment – Supervisor Jeske stated that four residents have provided their interest in the appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Clerk Rillema expressed her concern that the four persons interested may be running for a one agenda item and that has not proven to work out long term for those candidates to continue serving. Trustee Hampel inquired if she could make a phone call to the candidates to gain additional information. Attorney Even nodded absolutely. Supervisor Jeske will invite the candidates to the Monday Regular meeting where the appointment will take place and the Board of Trustees can ask questions of each prior to the selection.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:** The Board of Trustees discussed the process in which to follow for the sale of the four pieces of equipment they would like to sell. Trustee Cisneros provided the Board of Trustees with minimum prices that should be considered for each. The Ex-Mark Bagger System - \$300.00, Election Trailer - \$1,800.00, Toro Diesel Lawn Mower - \$300.00 and Toro Jungle Wheels Lawn Mower - \$200.00. Treasurer Beegle will solicit the sale of these items in The White Lake Beacon, E-news, bulletin board and possibly The Shopper’s Guide. Sealed bids will be accepted for all items due to a Trustee and employee interested in some of the equipment. Treasurer Beegle stated that the new well at the White Lake Fire Authority Station #2 will be

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started on Monday, May 21, 2018. Supervisor Jeske stated that seasonal employee, Hayden Collins, has secured another job and will be leaving township employment this week. If anyone knows of an interested candidate to work seasonal in the Maintenance Department, please forward them on to her. Trustee Holman inquired about 3515 Duck Lake Road which he said is township property in which the Muskegon Conservation District has placed a sand berm at the Duck Lake Road entrance and is concerned that entry would not be accessible if needed for a fire. Supervisor Jeske will investigate.

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Bard, ***ADOPTED***,  
to adjourn the May 14, 2018 Work Session at 11:10 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland