

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2021 MINUTES**

**PRESENT** – Trustee Jeske, Trustee Lundell, Treasurer Pachman, Supervisor Marcinkowski, Clerk Fagan, Trustee Holman, Trustee Graham

**ALSO PRESENT** – (10) Ten interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to accept the April 19, 2021 Regular Township Board Meeting Agenda.  
*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Darrell Hinken – 4444 Park St – Having ongoing issues with a neighbor. Feels the Ordinance Enforcer has not been helpful and is unresponsive. Neighbor is renting the home and has created an ATV track around the house and runs his go-carts for hours at a time, right near neighbor houses. Stated that the person has been irresponsible, drinks while he is using the go-carts and sometimes blocks the road with trailers.

Terrie Hampel – 6171 Duck Lake Rd – Spoke about the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails and offered flyers for an event at the Duck Creek Natural Area on Earth Day.

David Rice – 4047 Nestrom Rd – Reported that progress continues to be made with Duck Creek Natural Area. The Phase 1 trails are started and marked and a beautiful entrance has been constructed. Also mentioned the Earth Day event.

Kathleen Landis – 4483 Park St – Also spoke about the nuisance neighbor. She just wants serenity and for the neighbor to be held accountable.

Suzanne Patterson – 4465 Park St – Also spoke about the nuisance neighbor. She feels there is almost constant noise from the ATV track. Has been going on for months, and she stated she knows the neighbor has cut down trees on other neighbor's property. There is also a family living in an RV parked at the house. She just wants help.

Julius Esch – 4411 Park St – Also spoke about the nuisance neighbor. States the ATV track is right outside his bedroom window. Has called the sheriff's office multiple times without results.

Dale McKenzie - Also spoke about nuisance neighbor. There have been ongoing issues for 2 years.

Cindy Lentz – 4475 Park St – Also having trouble with the neighbor. Mentioned a dumpster next to neighbor’s house. Neighbor has been aggressive and she is afraid to even have her grandchild out in the yard.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared a letter from Mr. James Bird at 1443 Duck Lake Rd regarding a property line dispute with a neighbor. He also shared a letter from FEMA stating that flood maps are being redone and we may need to update ordinances later this year. He then shared an email from Dave Rice concerning the progress with the Duck Creek Natural Area with a picture of the new entrance, as well as an email reporting an incident with WLFA and one of their trucks that was damaged in an accident. The repairs will be covered by insurance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

1. Technology – phone system, website, email upgrades – Supervisor Marcinkowski is still obtaining bids to upgrade the phone system. Clerk Fagan reported that the email migration is in process and the major changes will take place May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The Board also discussed possibly looking into a new technology company for our website and e-news.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. **Duck Creek Natural Area/Non-Motorized Trail Plan for the Township** – Bob Ford and Pete Bosheff joined the meeting via Zoom and gave a presentation on how their company could be helpful with the planning/creation of the Duck Creek Natural Area. They are park and landscape architects that also help with DNR grants and other planning.

- b. **Ecology Station Rates and letters –**

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to approve Ecology Station 2021 rate changes and approve Supervisor Marcinkowski to send the letters to landowners around the Ecology Station.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE** – **motion carried**

**c. March Treasurer Reports –**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to approve March Treasurer reports.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE** – **motion carried**

**d. March Clerk Reports – Check disbursement; Revenues \$260,607.89; Expenditures: (101) General Fund \$18,035.58; (130) Public Works \$159.31**

Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to approve March Clerk Reports

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE**, Clerk Fagan **AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE** – **motion carried**

**e. Minutes – March 8 Work Session, March 15 Regular Board Meeting, and March 31 Special Board Meeting –**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to approve March meeting minutes.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried*

- f. Hall Use Request** – A resident is requesting special consideration to be allowed to use the township hall for her upcoming wedding. Due to COVID-19 she has had trouble securing a location. The Board discussed possible issues and things to look into (insurance, a written contract, checking with the Attorney and checking into what other townships are doing). The Board decided to take no action at this time pending further information, but will allow Supervisor Marcinkowski to tell the resident that it is likely to be approved pending the further information and a formal vote will occur at the next meeting.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION** – Trustee Graham reported that she spoke to 1-2-3 Net and they do not have any current or future plans to extend their service past Whitehall Rd. Supervisor Marcinkowski shared a letter from the White Lake Senior Center asking for letters of support. He also shared that improvements for Scenic Road End are being explored including adding a light pole, and security cameras. The Steelheader's Association is working on getting sand on the ramp cleared off and repairing the dock. He also stated the scoreboard at the Nestrom Park Ball Field is no longer working and he is exploring sponsorships to get a new scoreboard. Trustee Graham suggested Walmart and Weesies. Clerk Fagan stated that the

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documents for the Senior Millage Grant have been turned in, but there is a delay because it is run by the Muskegon County Health Department, who is dealing with a surge in Covid cases.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Township of Fruitland at 7:16 PM.

Upon Voice Vote: **ZAYES – motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland