

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
JUNE 14, 2021 MINUTES**

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

ABSENT – Clerk Fagan

ALSO PRESENT – (8) Eight interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the June 14, 2021 Work Session Meeting to order at 10:10 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to amend and accept the June 14, 2021 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – Terrie Hampel – Supports the proposal from Bob Ford and asks that the Board wait to review the signage presented from the Friends of Fruitland Trail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- A. Letter from Senator Bumstead’s office on SB446 – This is the bill regarding short term rentals. Senator Bumstead
- B. MTA info on Senate Bills 429, 430, 431 and Senate Bill 446 and House Bill 4722 – These bills were regarding the sand mining and recently passed.
- C. Several phone calls and emails on Gypsy Moth Caterpillars – Supervisor Marcinkowski has been fielding many calls, but it is too late for any spray treatment. He is exploring what can be done for upcoming years.
- D. Several emails and phone calls on road brining – Road brining did not begin until after Memorial Day but should be finished by now.
- E. Email to Senator Bumstead on the Governor’s plan to invest \$250M into State Parks and Trails
- F. Applied for Spring Wish list through Muskegon Foundation – the over \$1,500 category - \$45,000 for the soccer field upgrades.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

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- A. Duck Creek Natural Area – Bob Ford via ZOOM – proposal review – The Board had a hard time hearing and understanding the Zoom discussion and asked if the proposal can be discussed in person before moving forward. The Board also discussed that they will need additional quotes before anything can be voted on. Bob did share that work will need to begin soon to produce the Parks & Recreation Five Year Plan in time for it to be submitted. Discussion ensued about the need for the Parks & Recreation Commission to approve hiring someone to help with their five year plan as well.
 - a. Road signage review – Friends of Fruitland Township Trails –
- B. 1760 McMillan Rd - update – 95% of the vehicles and other equipment have been removed from the agreed upon area. New area set and inspection at the end of October.
- C. Technology - Township Hall Phone System – Still waiting on 1 more demo and quote from RingCentral and Zoom. Supervisor Marcinkowski, Treasurer Pachman, and Clerk Fagan have been testing Zoom with good results.
- D. Ecology Station – Strategic Planning – Supervisor Macinkowksi and Trustee Holman have been researching other local ecology stations and have a meeting with Kathy Evans of WMSRDC to start initial planning.
- E. McMillan Rd end stair and platform removal – Supervisor Marcinkowski has finally received a second quote for removal from Aggregates Excavating Logistics. He also spoke with the Muskegon Conversation District who initially quoted \$3200 but are now unable to complete the project because of the continuing erosion. Trustee Lundell reported that many residents want the stairs repaired or replaced to continue to have public access. The Board discussed safety issues because of the continued erosion and agreed there should be continued discussion on whether any improvements can be made after removal.
- F. Scenic Drive Road End – Light jacket station in place. Working with Consumers Energy on pole and light installation. Camera quotes will be adjusted. A resident Supervisor Marcinkowski recently spoke to is offering help and cameras as a donation.
- G. Senior Millage update – Clerk Fagan
- H. Review and comparison of “Good Neighbor Policy” plus the Noise and Nuisance Ordinance from Chikaming Township and similar Fruitland Township ordinances. Trustee Graham and Trustee Lundell have been reviewing different ordinances and our current ordinances to put together a more concise ordinance.
- ~~I. Technology website upgrade – Clerk Fagan~~
- ~~J. White Lake Drive Rd end – update – Mike Holman~~
- K. Jefferson Henry – Val Jensen and Supervisor Marcinkowski are meeting with Mr. Henry 6/18/21 to review the current building permit.
- L. US Congress Resolution 107 – Supervisor Marcinkowski moved this to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Closed session to hear Attorney Even’s opinion on a township matter –
Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to go into closed session to discuss written opinion of counsel at 11:03 AM.
- Roll Call Vote:* Treasurer Pachman **AYE**, Trustee Jeske **AYE**, Trustee Holman **AYE**, Trustee Lundell **AYE**, Trustee Graham **AYE, AYE**, Supervisor Marcinkowski **AYE- motion carried**

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to come out of closed session at 11:13 AM.

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

- B. Park and Recreation Commission & White Lake Drive Rd end update – Herb Huch – Herb discussed upcoming purchases (flag and score board) for the Parks and Recreation Commission and the possibility of needing some budget amendments to redirect some of the funds. He is questioning if it is possible for Parks and Recreation to vote on bids if it is impossible to get three quotes or if the amount is under a certain amount. Parks and Recreation is working on quotes to improve irrigation and also recently purchased 3 new grills. Herb also reported that he spoke to the DNR and the land owners for the White Lake road end and it should be able to continue to be used for small boats. The Board discussed with Attorney Even and Parks & Recreation is able to make their own spending policies within their agreed upon and approved budget.
- C. Planning Commission update – Regular and Special meetings – Trustee Holman shared that the Planning Commission is working defining “commercial” and wording for an ordinance restricting short term rentals while still allowing property owners to allow their families and friends to stay with them. They are also discussing more flexible parameters for building small accessory buildings for small equipment like lawn mowers and snowmobiles. He also reported that a resident is going to request a kennel permit and the Planning Commission is researching what can be allowed with current ordinances and state law.
- D. PINS program information from Sheriff Poulin – Sheriff Poulin reached out to Supervisor Marcinkowski to attend County Commissioners meeting because two local commissioners are trying to have the PINS program eliminated and the board would like to hear from Townships that support the program.
- E. Michillinda Rd paving – Petition – Dalton township – A petition has been presented to pave Michillinda road using a Special Assessment, which includes a small section in Fruitland Township. If this passes, they will look to us to approve paving the small section in our township.
- F. White Lake Senior Center support letter – Supervisor Marcinkowski presented a letter he would like to send in support of the White Lake Senior Center.

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- G. Toby Frederickson, Ordinance Enforcer will provide a monthly update on the calls he has been working on. Trustee Holman asked if 5150 Whitehall Rd has been reported to Toby yet, and Supervisor Marcinkowski took note to check.
- H. Val Jensen, Zoning and Building, will provide a monthly update on inspections, building permits and all other items under his purview.
- I. Future Eagle Scout Project – Devin Barbier – Cemetery – New Flag Pole and Benches – Supervisor Marcinkowski will have Devin present to the board for approval once he is ready.
- J. Montague-Whitehall Rotary Club – Fireworks Donation Request – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared a letter from the Montague- Whitehall Rotary Club asking for donations for fireworks this year. In the past the Board has agreed to \$100. Trustee Graham asked if donations were allowed by a township and Attorney Even explained that a donation of this type benefits our residents and would be acceptable.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

- Trustee Graham asked about ordinances regarding political signs and if there is anything we should do about political signs that remain in resident yards. Attorney Even reported that it can become a free speech issue.
- Trustee Graham mentioned a few houses that may need to be reported to the Ordinance Enforcer.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the June 14, 2021 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 12:12 PM.

*Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES – motion carried***

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland