

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
March 1, 2021**

PRESENT: Commissioner Lynn Knopf, Commissioner Herb Huch, Commissioner Bob Murray, Commissioner Mark Beegle and Commissioner Carlet Mitenbuler.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Three interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Huch called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Mark Beegle, *ADOPTED*, to amend the agenda to change the date to March 1, 2021 with no additional changes.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

MINUTES: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, *ADOPTED*, to approve the February 1, 2021 minutes as written.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

None.

DISBURSEMENTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Projects update

Commissioner Knopf reminded the commissioners that there needs to be a public hearing for the master plan. She stated that the guidelines have changed and are a lot more thorough. She asked if anyone wanted to look over the guidelines with her to go through everything to make sure they can answer the questions for the State. Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that she will work with Lynn on this plan.

Commissioner Knopf also stated that she hasn't been able to order the signs due to not having the regulations, so the Commission will be asking the Township Board to move the money for signs over to use during the 2021-2022 budget year.

2. Baseball and soccer fields

Chairman Huch stated that he's been in contact with the individuals helping with the field, adding that they are very excited to see items in the budget for continued improvement on the field. The group will begin work as soon as the snow is gone. Chairman Huch added that fertilization needs to be coordinated, as well as with Randy Smith for irrigation.

He also stated that the commissioners will need to get three bids for irrigation at the soccer field. Commissioner Huch stated that three contractors will come over to assess the soccer field to give prices for irrigation.

Commissioner Murray questioned whether more baseball teams will be coming in to use the field this year, and Chairman Huch stated that the group will be on the field every day that they can be out here.

In terms of the soccer field, Chairman Huch stated they are looking into quotes for the soccer field. Recording Secretary reminded the Commission that in order for the work to be done, quotes have to be included in the budget now. Commissioner Murray stated that the soccer field would likely go into the next fiscal year budget.

3. Trails on lower section of Nestrom Road Park

Chairman Huch stated that the Commissioners will look into new bids for stump removal at the park. Commissioner Murray stated that he spray-painted the stumps in the fall and got a head start on which stumps need to be removed.

The Commission will also be requesting that the Township Board approve moving the money over to the 2021-2022 budget year to remove tree stumps.

4. Pavilion rental fees

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to increase pavilion rental fees to \$30.00.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Beegle-Aye, Mitenbuler-Aye, Huch-Aye, Murray-Aye, Knopf-Aye

5. 2021-2022 Budget

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Proposal survey and treatment for Ottawa County Conservation District**

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to have discussions with Drew Raynor regarding Woolly Adelgid.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Chairman Huch questioned what the Commission was doing in regards to Woolly Adelgid, mentioning that he and Supervisor Marcinkowski agreed that there would be no spraying of the trees. He also added that there wasn't a lab report showing what they're really looking at. Chairman Huch also added that Harry Sellick, who worked at the State park, told him that it goes away after a year.

Drew Raynor of Ottawa County Conservation District presented information regarding Hemlock Woolly Adelgid to the Commission. He added that the fees to treat trees include \$150.00 at Marcus Park and \$8,500.00 at Nestrom Road Park.

The commissioners discussed whether to treat or not treat. Mr. Raynor did state that the Commission doesn't have to treat immediately, but will need to begin doing so within the next few years or the trees will die. Mr. Raynor stated that the trees don't have to be treated all at once and can be broken up into a few years. There were also questions regarding how the treatment works. Mr. Raynor stated that the trees are treated via injection and not spray, adding that the injection is both a treatment and preventative lasting up to seven years. The commissioners agreed that they would like to have an informational meeting take place between themselves and the Township Board for the information regarding Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Knopf apologized for her technical issues at the beginning of the meeting. Commissioners Murray and Mitenbuler thanked Mr. Drew Raynor for presenting to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mark Beegle, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the March 1, 2021 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:49 PM.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary