

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
June 7, 2021**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Lynn Knopf.

ALSO PRESENT: One interested party.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Huch called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to accept the June 7, 2021 agenda as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Mark Beegle, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to accept the May 5, 2021 minutes as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

Chairman Huch reported receipts activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$90.00 for the month May 2021.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairperson Huch reported disbursements activity as \$1,391.50 to Hatfield Spraying Services for gypsy moth spraying, \$90.88 to Hunts Hardware for cement for the picnic tables, \$190.00 to Kerkstra for the ADA portable restroom, and \$151.41 to TruGreen for fertilizer for total disbursements of \$1,823.79.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts of \$90.00 for pavilion rentals and pay total disbursements of \$1,823.79.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Roll Call Vote: Beegle-Aye, Murray-Aye, Mitenbuler-Aye, Huch-Aye

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**1. Baseball field/scoreboard**

The commissioners discussed different scoreboards that are being considered for purchase. Commissioner Mitenbuler suggested that it might be a good idea to include the individual donating the scoreboard to the Township to weigh in on which scoreboard to purchase. The commissioners decided to discuss the matter with Supervisor Marcinkowski.

Motion from Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to discuss the scoreboard with Supervisor Marcinkowski.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Supervisor Marcinkowski suggested to the Commission that they make the decision on the best scoreboard and installation, and to not worry about the donation amount. He stated that the individual donating the board most likely won't pay for the entire board. He also suggested advertising signs as a way of producing some income.

Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to resume Robert's Rules of Order.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Chairman Huch suggested that a trash can is needed near the baseball field. He also added that he would like to see a flag on the flag pole near the scoreboard, adding that one should already be there. The other commissioners agreed.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to get a flag for the baseball field.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

In terms of the fencing quote from Affordable Fence, the commissioners agreed that they were confused by the quote. Some of the figures weren't correct, so the Commission agreed to go back to the company for clarification. During the fencing discussion, Commissioner Murray stated that he would like the Commission to revisit discussions regarding the fence on the property line that was turned down by the last Township Board. He mentioned that it is destroyed, and people are wandering past the property line of the park onto neighboring properties.

Once the discussion of the fencing on the property line was mentioned, stumping was mentioned as well. Chairman Huch stated that Commissioner Mark Beegle had showed interest in completing the work, adding that his quote was a much more reasonable price than what they were already given by another company. Commissioner Murray questioned if having someone on the Commission complete the work would be an issue. Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield suggested that the Commission suspend Robert's Rules of Order to ask questions of Supervisor Marcinkowski regarding this matter.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to have discussions with Supervisor Marcinkowski.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that in order for Commissioner Beegle to be able to bid on the stumping job, the Commission will have to accept sealed bids for the job, adding that Commissioner Beegle will not be able to see the quotes or vote on the acceptance of an individual for the job.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, *ADOPTED*, to resume Robert's Rules of Order.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

2. Electrical

Chairman Huch stated that Consumers Energy came out to the park to check the electrical and that everything is okay.

3. Irrigation

Chairman Huch stated that he talked to Randy Smith regarding the irrigation and finding out where everything is in the park, and he stated that Mr. Smith wasn't overly friendly and would charge at least \$500.00 to look into the irrigation system. The commissioners agreed that they need a schematic of the park including where everything is laid out. They also agreed to get additional quotes from others for the job.

Chairman Huch handed out a print of the park to the commissioners. They discussed where the potential soccer field could go, and also discussed a possible sand volleyball court. Chairman Huch suggested the commissioners use the map to chart out other potential ideas for the park.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski, 3767 Jay Road – mentioned that the commissioners can either email himself or Maintenance Supervisor Arron Ferris regarding a request for a trash can for the baseball field. He requested a copy of the baseball field schedule. Supervisor Marcinkowski suggested a possible name change to the park. He added that something in regards to an all-encompassing name, including something such as “sports and recreation” might be good to include in the name. He mentioned the roads ends in the Township and having the Commission consider possibly taking them on since they are recreation. Supervisor Marcinkowski mentioned technology upgrades being made in the Township, adding that he would like input from the commissioners regarding their needs or suggestions. He also reminded the commissioners of their budget, adding that they can take unused money and make a budget amendment to be able to complete other work. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that he met with a few Whitehall High School students and they had questions pertaining to a soccer field and beach volleyball at the park, so he commended the commissioners on the ideas of bringing those projects to life. He mentioned that a new website is in the works for the Township as well, adding that if the Commission had ideas of what they would like to see to please advise him of such ideas.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Beegle stated that a flag with lights on the baseball field should be a priority, adding that he liked the idea.

Commissioner Mitenbuler thanked Supervisor Marcinkowski for attending their meetings, adding that it's nice to be able to discuss necessary matters with him.

Commissioner Murray agreed with Commissioner Mitenbuler, also adding that the cement listed in disbursements was for the picnic tables in the park.

Chairman Huch stated that some cement work is going to be needed in the park. He also added that a service road is needed to access the park.

Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield had a reminder regarding procedures for meetings, adding that items to be discussed in the meeting need to be added when amending/approving the agenda. She also mentioned the importance of maintaining communication with her, adding that it's imperative that members let her know if they will be in attendance for meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the June 7, 2021 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:17 PM.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary