

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
August 4, 2021**

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: None.

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 Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to accept the August 4, 2021 agenda as written.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

MINUTES: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to accept the July 6, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

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

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairperson Huch reported disbursements activity as \$190.00 to Kerkstra for the ADA portable restroom and \$59.48 to TruGreen for fertilizer for total disbursements of \$249.48.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts of \$90.00 for pavilion rentals and pay total disbursements of \$249.48.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Trails on lower portion of Nestrom Road Park

Chairman Huch stated that Township Trustee Marcia Jeske's husband, Ted Jeske, recently got hired for part-time maintenance. He suggested that the Township rent a mini excavator to have the maintenance staff take out the stumps. Chairman Huch stated that the fee for the mini excavator would be \$380.00 per day plus the price of fuel. He added that the maintenance staff would also move the benches.

Motion by Mark Beegle, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to spend \$500.00 to rent a mini excavator for a day to have the maintenance staff remove stumps.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to request the Township Board make a budget amendment to use \$500.00 from cement for stationary picnic tables to use it for stumping.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

2. Master Plan

Commissioner Knopf stated that she has talked to individuals from three different organizations regarding help with the Master Plan. She added that her opinion is that she would like to see a hybrid take place so that the organization is working closely with the Commission, and that she would like the Commission to use them to get help with public outreach. Commissioner Knopf also suggested putting together a small committee to work on the pieces of the Master Plan that need fixing and editing, adding that she had met with Supervisor Marcinkowski once to discuss the process and changes that need to be made. Chairman Huch said that the past commissioners worked very hard to complete the Master Plan adding that it is already complete and he's not for a special committee working on it. Commissioner Knopf reminded the commissioners that the guidelines for the Master Plan have changed, adding that she sent the other commissioners updated guidelines from the State of Michigan. Commissioner Murray said that he would have a problem with a small committee meeting as long as the changes were easily identifiable and came back to the Commission for review. Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that she would like the commissioners to get quotes from the organizations regarding helping with the Master Plan

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Herb Huch, **ADOPTED**, to ask the organizations discussed to give professional estimates for reviewing what's already done on the Master Plan and give a price to include completing public outreach.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Commissioner Knopf stated that she would still like to discuss a small committee working on the pieces of the Master Plan that can be updated in the meantime. She added that Supervisor Marcinkowski is more than willing to meet regarding this topic. Chairman Huch stated that they can't vote on something when Supervisor Marcinkowski isn't in attendance to speak for himself. Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield reminded the commissioners that Supervisor Marcinkowski attended the June meeting and made a statement to such willingness to help during public comment.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to work with Supervisor Marcinkowski to work on trackable edits to the Master Plan through the month of August in order to be able to turn in the Master Plan for 2022.

3 AYES, 1 NAYS (HUCH), 1 ABSTAIN (BEEGLE)

Commissioner Knopf began reminding the other commissioners when the next meeting will take place to discuss edits to the Master Plan, and in doing so, Chairman Huch slammed the gavel and interrupted her to tell her they were trying to move on. Commissioner Knopf tried to interject that she was trying to give information on the upcoming meeting, and Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield reminded Chairman Huch that he had to let Lynn speak because she was still trying to discuss the Master Plan and meeting.

Commissioner Knopf exited the meeting at 6:50p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:**1. Cement for new grills**

Commissioner Murray stated that they have been waiting to put in the new grills, adding that they should do so soon. He added that one grill is missing from the second pavilion and another is missing near the first pavilion. In discussion regarding cement to keep the grills in place, Chairman Huch stated that each grill would need about a yard and a half of cement. He suggested at least a 6x6 pad.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to take \$600.00 from picnic table cement to pay for the cement for grills.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that the Master Plan needs to be completed so the commissioners can move forward.

Commissioner Murray thanked Commissioner Knopf for putting together the public meeting for pesticides. He added that the attendance was great, and the meeting room was completely filled.

Chairman Huch stated that he isn't happy with Commissioner Knopf walking out of the meeting. He added that the discussion of the Master Plan takes place meeting after meeting and they need to move forward. He also stated that the Commission has to get stuff done and move forward. Chairman Huch stated that he should consider apologizing to Commissioner Knopf, and Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that it would be a good idea to keep the Commission cohesive.

Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield stated that while she should possibly not speak for Commissioner Knopf, she wanted to remind the Commission that Commissioner Knopf is trying to achieve the same things that the other commissioners are trying to do with moving forward. Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield added that Commissioner Knopf isn't trying to make drastic changes, but rather minor edits and changes that are required according to the guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Mark Beegle, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the August 4, 2021 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:06 PM.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary