

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 13, 2015  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Trustee Hampel, Trustee Bard, Trustee Deur, Trustee Rissi, Treasurer Beegle, Clerk Rillema, Supervisor St. Amour

**ALSO PRESENT:** (2) two interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor St. Amour called the Tuesday, October 13, 2015 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland Board to order at 10:03 AM at the township hall.

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Rissi, **ADOPTED**, to accept the October 13, 2015 Work Session Agenda.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **7 AYES - motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**SPECIAL GUEST:** April Scholtz of the West Michigan Land Conservancy shared the history of the grant process since 2013 for a potential conservation easement on the Duck Lake Road property. The initial grant was denied but the second attempt has been accepted but the formal proposal has not yet been received. The 319 program provides grants for projects that help improve and protect Michigan's water quality. The grant is available for three years to be utilized. The Duck Creek Watershed Management Plan is what is being referred to for recommendations on Duck Creek's water quality. Ms. Schultz stated that the following steps are necessary in moving forward: (1) Look at property, (2) draft easement papers and negotiate amendments, (3) develop a park plan for the property including property not to be considered, (4) appraisal, (5) value of monies for easement and (6) townships acceptance of offer. No decision was made at this time, more conversation to come in the future.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor St. Amour stated the he received a thank you from the White Lake Fire Authority for use of Nestrom Park to hold their Fire Prevention Open House. The White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner will be held on October 26, 2015 at Buzz's Lakeside Inn. If you are interested, contact them direct. The August 2015 Stats of our PINS program will be placed on file with the Clerk. Trustee Deur forwarded the **WATCHMUSKEGON** Lakeshore Image Campaign information for our review. Supervisor St. Amour has been participating in conversations with members of Michigan Adventure, Dalton Township and Muskegon County regarding a potential agreement for sanitary sewer connection to the Northern Interceptor. More to come in the future. Supervisor St. Amour spoke with volunteers of the White River Light Station who would like to spruce up the grounds around museum. Supervisor St. Amour has asked them to provide him with their ideas to keep Fruitland Township abreast of activities. The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual MCRC Roadkill Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at the Holiday Inn – Muskegon Harbor. Please advise Clerk Rillema prior to October 19 if you are planning on attending. Supervisor St. Amour received a request for a streetlight at the corner of Hyde Park Road and Tyler Road from resident, Ms. Sabrina Williams. This corner is a bus stop for Reeths Puffer School. The board will take a look at the corner and talk about it at the regular meeting on Monday.

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### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zellar Road – (Proposed Special Assessment District) – Attorney Even prepared a procedural memo for proceeding with a proposed Special Assessment for the Zellar Road project. Supervisor St. Amour will construct a letter to be sent to the residents in the proposed district and set up an informational meeting with those same residents, members of the MCRC and himself to discuss the project.
2. Lamos Road End – Attorney Even stated that based on the information uncovered from the MCRC, the west 33 feet of Lamos Road end belongs to the Muskegon County Road Commission. If the township wants to take over ownership, a deed from the MCRC will need to be acquired. The board did not move to request a deed at this time until further details on the Partridge Drain assessment are acquired.
3. R&M Contract – Attorney Even stated that he is currently preparing that document.
4. Muskegon Township Litigation (Water Policy) – Court ordered mediation – Attorney Even stated that Judge Mullally has ordered all parties to participate in a facilitative (non-binding) mediation but Attorney Even does not agree with the amount to be invoiced to the three plaintiffs (Dalton, Laketon & Fruitland Townships). Participants of the mediation would include the three supervisors of Laketon, Muskegon Charter and Fruitland Townships and another board member from each is so desired. Attorney Even will consult with Attorney Rose to gain information on the order of mediation and the amount to be charged to all parties.
5. No Wake Buoy Liability – Supervisor St. Amour has reached out to our insurance carrier to inquire if the buoys are insurable and what necessary paperwork is needed for us to take over ownership of the buoys and allow the White Lake Association to put in and take out each year at no cost.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2015-16 Budget Amendments – Clerk Rillema prepared the listing of budget amendments necessary for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
2. Sustainability Center Partnership – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he continues to be in communication with Sara Damm of the Muskegon County Sustainability Center regarding a potential site for a county wide sustainability center near Dalton & Fruitland Townships. She has requested information from both Dalton & Fruitland Townships to formulate a plan to support Governor Snyder's initiative to support recycling in Michigan. Supervisor St. Amour will keep the board abreast of communication received.
3. Fire Station #2 Potential Sale – Supervisor St. Amour received a request from Chief Holman of the White Lake Fire Authority to purchase the building which the Fire Authority leases as Fire Station #2 on Duck Lake Road. This would include the property to the west which is now known as Duck Lake Road Park. Supervisor St. Amour thought the approximate acreage was around 8 acres but will research past information when this was being discussed around the White Lake Fire Authority Millage election time this past winter and task Assessor Bowen to provide the assessed value of the building and adjacent property.

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4. Board Comments – Trustee Rissi announced that she has sold her house and will be moving from the area. Supervisor St. Amour requested that Trustee Rissi send it in writing with an effective resignation date. She verbally said the first of the year. All congratulated her on her move. Trustee Deur inquired if any conversation was to take place today regarding the Duck Lake Road Property and the Land Conservancy. Supervisor St. Amour suggested holding off until the work session so all had a chance to digest.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Treasurer Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the Tuesday, October 13, 2015 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at Noon.

*Upon Voice Vote:* **7 AYES - motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland