

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION  
JUNE 13, 2016  
MINUTES**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** (7) seven interested parties and Attorney Even.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor St. Amour called the Monday, June 13, 2016 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 Cisneros, **ADOPTED**, to amend the June 13, 2016 Work Session Agenda by adding under Old Business – Cedar Fair Agreement and New Business – MCRC Culvert Replacement, Forestry and White Lake Branding.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Lynn Knopf, Parks & Recreation Chairwoman – stated that Parks & Recreation would like feedback from the Board regarding possible application for grants for a permanent restroom at Nestrom Park and Tennis Court Replacement through the Muskegon Community Foundation and an application for a grant through the DEQ for improvement to access Duck Lake at Nestrom Park.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Clerk Rillema stated that Brickley DeLong will be performing our in-house audit on June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. She received a request from Jim Durham of Emergency Services to use a portion of Nestrom Park for a 24 hour Muskegon County Emergency Service exercise for the days of June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Parks & Recreation approved at their meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June. An email request was received from Lindsey Reynolds requesting to add a link to our website regarding public service education and healthcare. At this time, the board did not favor adding this information. Clerk Rillema stated that information was received for notice of sale of real estate by seizure order for the property of 4790 W. Bard by M and W Incorporated. The property will be auctioned off at the courthouse in Muskegon on July 22, 2016 at 10 AM. Attorney Even stated that our lien for the demolition/cleanup of the property is attached to this auction.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Parks & Recreation Festival Request –

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order for open floor comments from Parks Commissioner Mark Williamson at 10:15 AM.

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

Parks Commissioner Mark Williamson reviewed the proposed Party at Nestrom Park proposal with the Board of Trustees. Several concerns arose from the conversation such as

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1) decision to not presell tickets in advance, but only sell at gate the day of the event, 2) Downsizing the event some – seems rather large for the first one, 3) Security and volunteers needed and 4) consideration of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to oversee? More conversation will take place in the next few months to make a decision.

Motion by Trustee Deur, second by Trustee Bard, **ADOPTED**, to unsuspend from open floor comments at 10:30 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES - motion carried*

2. Ecology Station Repairs – Clerk Rillema stated that she solicited quotes for the gate repair, garage door repair and lower driveway improvement. Quotes for the gate repair came in from \$1533 - \$14,099.00 from AAA Fence & Reliable Door and Gate, quotes for the garage door repair/replacement came in from \$156.00 - \$676.00 from Muskegon Garage Door, Shepherd Garage Door & Quality Door of Muskegon and quotes for the lower drive improvement came in from \$350.00 - \$550.00 from A-1 Excavation. Motions will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.
3. Nestrom Road Improvements – Treasurer Beegle reported that she was awaiting the rough order of magnitude for the costs for improvement to Nestrom Road south of McMillan for the petition received by those residents. Supervisor St. Amour stated that he would work with her to capture that information.
4. Land Conservancy – Trustee Deur stated that he reviewed the grant application that April Scholtz recommended from the National Park Service but is unclear of the vision and summary statement and will be contacting April for her assistance and clarification. Trustee Deur will aim for completing this application for the Monday Regular meeting.
5. Friends of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail Request – Trustee Hampel reported that she had no further information to report at this time on the land donation at the intersection of White Lake Drive and Blank Road.
6. Consumer's Street Light Survey – Clerk Rillema stated that she and Trustee Bard completed the street light survey which was not completed since it was mailed in November. There are a total of 119 street lights in Fruitland Township. All street lights were okayed to be converted to High Pressure Sodium which is more cost efficient than Mercury Vapor.

Motion by Clerk Rillema, second by Trustee Deur, **ADOPTED**, to move that Treasurer Beegle and Clerk Rillema are authorized and directed to execute such contract with Consumer's Energy Company for furnishing lighting service within the township of Fruitland.

*Roll Call Vote: Trustee Hampel AYE, Trustee Bard AYE, Trustee Deur AYE, Treasurer Beegle AYE, Trustee Cisneros AYE, Clerk Rillema AYE, Supervisor St. Amour AYE – motion carried*

7. Fire Station #2 – Supervisor St. Amour stated that he was awaiting further information and will report his findings at the Monday Regular meeting.
8. Cedar Fair Agreement – Clerk Rillema stated that further information was requested by Michigan's Adventure regarding our reasoning for not wanting to sign the agreement for

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waste water hookup. Clerk Rillema will email Dalton Township Supervisor McEntire our minutes from last month and also Muskegon County Administrator Mark Eisenbarth to complete their request.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. White Lake Association Proxy – Trustee Deur explained that the White Lake Association is organized as a member corporation but operating as a directorship corporation. They would like to refile their corporation as a directorship corporation and are asking paid members to sign a proxy to grant Jeff Auch the authority to vote this change into place. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
2. Historical Resort Language – Trustee Deur stated that the Planning Commission, along with Attorney Even and Planner Tim Johnson have prepared language for the historical resorts in Fruitland Township (Buzz's Lakeside Inn and The Water's Edge. Comments and suggestions from the Board were discussed and changes to the language by deleting specific resort names and adding parcel #'s and address were favored and the removal of a paragraph regarding expansion was deleted. Clerk Rillema will ask the Planning Commission recording secretary Sally Dion to make such changes and a motion for the Monday Regular meeting will be prepared.
3. Fireworks Contribution – Clerk Rillema stated that the request from the Montague-Whitehall Rotary Club for fireworks contribution was received. A motion will be prepared for the Monday Regular meeting.
4. Regulatory Ordinance Update – Clerk Rillema stated that Ordinance Enforcer John Holtz prepared a listing of May ordinance violations received and whether they were opened or closed. Supervisor St. Amour would like to meet with Enforcer Holtz to keep abreast of the violations.
5. MCRC Culvert Replacements – Clerk Rillema stated that she received communication from the MCRC that two culverts have failed and need replacement. The culvert on Lamos Road is estimated to cost the township \$2,299.67 and culvert on McMillan Road is estimated to cost the township \$2,583.21. A motion will be prepared for the Monday regular meeting.
6. Forestry – Supervisor St. Amour stated that Wilson Forestry would like to do another analysis of forestry for the township. He will work with David Wilson to gather that information.
7. White Lake Branding – Trustee Deur stated that The White Lake community unveiled a branding campaign and logo this week Live White Lake or Live It, with the "IT" highlighted in White Lake, designed with community pride and the area's tourism in mind. The White Lake branding campaign also is set up so people can design their own sign or banner by replacing the generic black-and-white background image with one that matches their White Lake activity. Residents and business owners can make their own Live IT White Lake designs by visiting the website - [www.whitelakeis.it.com](http://www.whitelakeis.it.com). Trustee

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Deur asked to place a sign at the township hall for advertisement. The board verbally okayed.

8. Board Comments – Clerk Rillema stated that the Tire Recycling Event held at Mullally Field was successful again. She thanked those who volunteered for their time. She will share with the board, results once received from Laketon Township Supervisor Kim Arter. Clerk Rillema prepared the Sustainability Center monthly breakdown and shared with the board members. She will email a copy to all for their review.

Motion by Trustee Bard, second by Trustee Deur, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the June 13, 2016 work session at 12:10 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland