

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
January 3, 2022**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Lynn Knopf (speaker phone)

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 January 3, 2022 agenda as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to accept the December 6, 2021 regular meeting minutes with the correction of a few errors.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

Chairman Huch reported no receipts activity for December 2021.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairperson Huch reported disbursements activity as \$4,245.00 to Architectural Design Group for the scoreboard and \$2,970.00 to Viridis Design Group for the Master Plan for total disbursements of \$7,215.00.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements of \$7,215.00.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Master Plan

Commissioner Murray stated that Viridis submitted a draft of the Master Plan. He pointed out a few corrections to be made, including that we do have handicap accessible picnic tables. He also stated that there was confusion in terms of the size of Duck Lake Road Park, adding that he believes Viridis combined it with the natural area acreage. Commissioner Murray also stated that on the survey it states that the Commission will consider a BMX bike track and that he doesn't agree it should be on the action plan. Commissioner Mitenbuler questioned Lake Cemetery, adding that she believes there are only two cemeteries in Fruitland Township. She also added that there is a large walkway at McMillan Road End. Commissioner Knopf stated that they listed the watershed group under the wrong name, and there are a few spelling errors but for the most part it was good. Commissioner Murray also stated that he is happy with the flow of the document, adding that it is very visually appealing. There was also a question in regards to the public hearing date listed in the document, and Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield informed the group of the appropriate date of Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:00p.m. Chairman Huch stated that there shouldn't be a Public Hearing when not everyone on the Commission received the Master Plan. Commissioner Murray reminded the commissioners that everyone received the document via email, it has also been posted on the website and is available at the Township Hall to view. The commissioners then discussed having a work session to further discuss the document before the Public Hearing takes place.

2. Budget/future projects

The commissioners discussed ideas for the upcoming budget and figures to propose. In terms of meeting pay, Chairman Huch suggested considering the idea of requesting more money. Commissioner Beegle stated that while it is nice to receive more money, it's not what the commissioners are here for. When discussing work sessions, Chairman Huch questioned why they don't get paid. Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield reminded the commissioners that they budgeted for twelve meetings, and suggested the idea of asking for 24 meetings to cover the possibility of work sessions every month. She told them that they could use them or not, but that they would at least be budgeted for.

Commissioner Knopf reported that an additional regular portable restroom would be \$100, which includes once a week cleaning. The commissioners agreed to two handicap and two regular portable restrooms, one of which will be placed at Marcus Park. The commissioners also discussed getting bids for the portable restrooms from other companies as well.

For Contracting Community Services, the commissioners agreed that they would like to fund the full amount of \$3,000.00 for Sports 'N Shorts. The commissioners also agreed to remove the community walks from the budget. Commissioner Murray mentioned the idea of providing a walk with Commissioner Knopf since they both have the background for it.

For Repairs & Maintenance, the commissioners agreed to leave miscellaneous repairs and pavilion repairs and maintenance at \$500.00 each. They discussed \$600.00 for replacement poles for the tennis courts since only one set has been ordered, and they wanted to account for a possible increase in price. They agreed to keep park signage at \$1,500.00, tree maintenance at \$2,000.00, and Nestrom

Road Park drive repairs at \$4,000.00. Commissioner Murray stated that Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski suggested using the Specialty Fund for wooly adelgid and gypsy moths. The commissioners also discussed the tennis court repairs, but didn't make a final decision on a number. The commissioners also discussed fees for raising the dugout roofs on the baseball field, and Commissioner Huch stated that he should be receiving a quote any time. The commissioners also agreed to include \$1,000.00 for baseball field supplies.

For Capital Improvements, the commissioners agreed to including \$7,500.00 for the volleyball court at Nestrom Road Park, \$7,000.00 for concrete needed for various projects, \$6,500.00 for fencing and gates, and \$6,000.00 for a new pumphouse.

3. Duck Lake weed control

Commissioner Murray said that he fishes Duck Lake a lot and knows where all of the weed beds are and he doesn't know what we'd be spraying. He added that there are no issues of weeds at Nestrom Road Park or Marcus Park. Commissioner Mitenbuler agreed. The both added that property owners on Duck Lake all hire someone to spray their individual properties. Chairman Huch provided the other commissioners with a map of a lake in Mason County adding that he just wanted to inform the commissioners how it works.

4. Shawna Meyer winter walk

Commissioner Knopf suggested having Dave Rice do the walk with Shawna Meyer, adding that she would like to have the walk at the natural area. The commissioners agreed that it would be a good idea. The winter walk will take place on January 22nd.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3767 Jay Road – suggested that the commissioners should not neglect the tennis courts. He stated that letting them go will require complete replacement and will cost a considerable amount more than doing needed repairs, adding that it might be a good idea to put the tennis courts under capital improvements or the specialty fund. Another suggestion is to possibly include irrigation on the baseball field, specifically better coverage on the outfield. Supervisor Marcinkowski again stated putting this item under capital improvements or the specialty fund. Agreed to no BMX. He informed the commissioners that there are only two cemeteries in the Township. Supervisor Marcinkowski informed the commissioners that handicap accessibility will be coming to McMillan Road End. In terms of meetings, he suggested requesting 24 meetings and using them as necessary. He reminded the commissioners that the Public Hearing will take place on January 12th at 6:00p.m. and the Township Board will make a resolution to approve the Master Plan at their regular board meeting on January 18th. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that the Commission should do a work session if needed to go through the Master Plan, adding that they will be compensated. He also reported that he met with the Muskegon County Road Commission in regards to road ends and the possibility of giving them up. He stated that they would not give up Scenic Drive or Nestrom Road ends, and that they are looking into Dock Road. He also added that the MCRC is putting together pricing and drawings for shoulders on Scenic Drive, as well as possible reconstruction of South Shore Drive. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that this would be a \$7 million dollar project that was turned over to Representative Terry Sabo and Senator Jon Bumstead.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Murray stated that the Commission should schedule the work session now. The other commissioners said they would have to look at their schedule.

Chairman Huch thanked Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski for attending the meeting and for help keeping the Commission informed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the January 3, 2022 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:25 PM.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary