

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
WORK SESSION
January 26, 2021**

PRESENT: Commissioners Mark Beegle, Herb Huch, Lynn Knopf, Carlet Mitenbuler, Bob Murray

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Marcinkowski, Township Supervisor

Meeting begun approximately 10:00

Areas of Discussion

1. Priorities for the year ahead
2. The poles for the tennis court nets are in need of repair-it is difficult to install the nets every year. Commissioner Murray had found a replacement pole that fits over the old ones and eliminates the need for removing the old ones that are cemented into the court.
3. Additional wood fiber may be needed for the playground. Needs to be installed every year or every other year. There are marks on the playground structure poles that indicated recommended depth of wood fiber.
4. Hemlock Wooly Adelgid: Ottawa County Conservation District is offering a program to survey properties for presence of infestation and offers a spraying program if found. Commissioner Murray offered to sign up the Fruitland Twp. parks for program.
5. Priority Health is offering partnerships to install outdoor exercise equipment. Commissioner Murray is signed up to review an online presentation
6. We have two new picnic tables ready to be installed. Discussed adding benches along lakefront trail. We have a bench that was removed during playground installation that can be installed.
7. Ball fields: discussed adding a content pad under the bleachers and under the ball diamond.
8. Master plan: we have already published a notice regarding the 30-day public review period. Discussed further steps needed before sending master plan to the state for review.
9. We are allowed to contract with public entities like Sports-N-Shorts and baseball teams, etc. Herb Huch has contacted the Michigan Township Association for clarification of this.
10. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated the budgets are guidelines; the P&R Commission may submit budget amendments and ask for movement of monies as does the township board. Fruitland Township received \$25,000 more in revenue sharing this year.
11. The budget needs to be presented to the board at either the working meeting on February 8, 2021 or at the regular meeting on February 16, 2021.

12. The shutdown has been extended to February 21, 2021, so February meeting cannot be held indoors at township hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Knopf and Seconded by Commissioner Murray.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Knopf