

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
May 4, 2022**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** One interested party.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Huch called the meeting to order at 5:59p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to accept the April 4, 2022 agenda with the addition of one disbursement and adding “grants” under New Business.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Bob Murray, *ADOPTED*, to accept the April 4, 2022 regular meeting minutes with changes mentioned.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None.

**RECEIPTS:**  
Chairman Huch reported receipts activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$210.00 for the month April 2022.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**  
Chairperson Huch reported disbursements activity as \$246.00 to Beckman Bros for diamond dust for the baseball field, \$1,644.50 to Hatfield Spraying Service for gypsy moth spraying, and \$472.67 to Shelby State Bank for tennis net posts for total disbursements of \$2,363.17.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$210.00 for pavilion rentals and to pay total disbursements in the amount of \$2,363.17.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **1. Projects**

Commissioner Knopf reported on the temporary backstop for the pickleball court. She shared one that she found, however, the other commissioners suggested looking into a few others before making a decision.

Chairman Huch stated that a bid sheet needs to be created for the Commission to use to solicit bids on projects. He added that the Commission should have it sent to a printing place and then mailed out to local contractors. Commissioner Knopf stated that she will make the bid sheet.

Chairman Huch suggested rubber matting for underneath the bleachers. He also mentioned the new scoreboard and the need for two uprights to put it up. Chairman Huch mentioned some that are \$310.00 for two, and the commissioners made the decision to use the baseball field maintenance portion of the budget for this purchase.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to purchase two 8x8 uprights to be delivered by Keen Lumber for \$310.00.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Chairman Huch stated that in looking at the sprinklers on the baseball field, the sprinkler heads are not sufficient and will need to be replaced. He said that 19 sprinkler heads need to be replaced. He said that the cost of replacing 19 heads, doing a new valve, 300 feet of pipe, 9 “rain birds” with a timer would be \$1,895.00, but the Commission agreed to get additional quotes. Chairman Huch also mentioned some future sprinkling projects and ideas.

Chairman Huch asked the commissioners what color they would like the pumphouse to be, and they agreed to have it be a dark green color with a dark gray roof.

The commissioners discussed the problem of dogs on the baseball field, especially the pet droppings that are being left behind. Chairman Huch suggested placing a temporary plastic fencing to block off some areas of entry to the field. The commissioners also discussed having some signs created regarding keeping animals off the field, and Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield suggested adding the ordinance number to the signs. She also offered to make them for the Commission.

Commissioner Murray suggested that the Commission needs to request the portable restrooms be brought to the park earlier, as the baseball teams started practices in April. The Commission will do so next year.

**2. Hemlock woolly adelgid/gypsy moth treatment**

Commissioner Murray mentioned the possibility of getting the treatment for hemlock woolly adelgid completed for free. The Muskegon Conservation District applied for a grant, and if they receive it, could benefit the township for this treatment. He added that the Muskegon Conservation District wouldn't know until the fall if they receive the grant, stating that he believes it's better to wait to see if they receive the grant so the Commission doesn't have to spend the funds to do the treatment.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to wait to see if the Muskegon Conservation District gets the grant for the treatment of hemlock woolly adelgid to move forward with treatment.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Commissioner Murray stated that gypsy moth spraying will take place toward the end of May.

**NEW BUSINESS:****1. Grants**

Commissioner Murray mentioned some grant items that Supervisor Marcinkowski sent to the commissioners. Commissioner Murray mentioned one from the DNR in regards to purchasing trees and the Commission getting some.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3767 Jay Road – mentioned the ARPA funds that the Township has received, adding that Commission would just need to give a list of ideas to the Township Board for approval. He mentioned possibly using the funds for the tennis courts, pickleball, volleyball, and more. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that the Commission just needs to get quotes and they can move forward. A CAC is possibly being created for grant research and writing. In terms of the irrigation quote mentioned by Chairman Huch, Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that it's a great price. He added that the Township will be doing another well for the hall so it will no longer be on with the baseball field. Suggested the possibility of a dog park or dog friendly area south of the ring road, adding that fencing could even be installed for the area. He added that this could be another use for the ARPA funding. Supervisor Marcinkowski reminded the commissioners that there is \$17,000.00 in the Specialty Fund that could be considered for this, also mentioning a fence along the north side of the property and fixing the west and south sides. Supervisor Marcinkowski also stated that the damaged fence is being taken care of. He added that he will look into receiving trees from the Muskegon Conservation District as he's not sure this is a roll over from the last year. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that the WiFi in the park is coming from ARPA funding, adding that it might be a good idea for the Commission to look into an infrared counter for cars in the park.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Knopf stated that if the Commission decided to have a dog park, it would have to be cleaned regularly to stop illnesses and parasites in pets. Commissioner Beegle agreed, adding that the Commission should be careful of the idea of a dog park but rather have a dog friendly area. He added that a lot of rules and regulations go into dog parks. Commissioner Knopf stated that she had put of the nature walk with Shawna Meyer, adding that she is going to sponsor her for one walk and suggested that Supervisor Marcinkowski consider one for the Duck Creek Natural Area.

Commissioner Mitenbuler questioned the weed treatment on Duck Lake, and Commissioner Murray reminded her that the Commission decided not to pursue it.

Commissioner Murray suggested that the commissioners each start a list of ideas that they could request of the Township Board for the ARPA funds and to bring it to the June meeting.

Chairman Huch suggested placement of more trash cans in the park, especially near the backstop of the baseball field.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the May 4, 2022 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:14 PM.

***5 AYES, 0 NAYS***

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary