

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
September 8, 2020**

PRESENT: Commissioner Huch, Commissioner Bob Murray, Commissioner Sue Sawyer and Commissioner Svensson

ABSENT: Commissioner Knopf.

ALSO PRESENT: Five interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Svensson called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to amend the September 8, 2020 agenda with the addition of “lease agreement” under New Business.

4 AYES, 1 NAYS

MINUTES: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to approve the August 5, 2020 regular meeting minutes as written.

4 AYES, 1 NAYS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

Chairperson Svensson reported receipts activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$50.00 for the month August 2020.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairperson Svensson reported disbursements activity as \$190.00 to Kerkstra for the portable restroom, \$59.48 to TruGreen for fertilization, \$1,578.00 to Pilot Rock for picnic tables, and \$600.00 to H&H Lawn Service for stone dust for Nestrom baseball field for total disbursements of \$2,427.48.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to approve the receipts of \$50.00 for pavilion rentals, to pay total disbursements of \$2,427.48, and to request a budget amendment for an additional \$78.00 for the picnic tables from Miscellaneous.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS

Roll Call Vote: Huch-Aye, Svensson-Aye, Murray-Aye, Sawyer-Aye

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**1. Baseball field improvements and presentation**

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Deb Svensson, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rules of Order to allow for discussions with Jeremy Loyselle and Jim Colbert from North Muskegon Youth Baseball.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS

Trent Loyselle began by thanking the Commission for allowing their group to use the field.

Jeremy Loyselle and Jim Colbert presented the improvements they made to the baseball field in order for it to be ready. They also said that the maintenance crew has done an outstanding job taking care of the field. They reported that there are four to five busted sprinkler heads, they aren't sure if the scoreboard works because there is a lock on the box, and that they would like to create a Google Calendar of their events to post. Port City Paint donated approximately \$175.00 worth of paint and supplies for painting. They also thanked the Commission as well. The Commission asked whether or not there was anything pressing they needed in order for them to add it to the upcoming budget, but the gentlemen both stated that nothing was necessary. Chairperson Svensson stated that it's better to have some in place, just in case, and to continue improvements so the field stays in good shape.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to adopt Roberts Rules of Order to go back into meeting discussions.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS

2. Project update

Chairperson Svensson questioned as to whether the sprinkler repairs could happen when the winterization of the sprinklers takes place. She will be looking into this possibility.

The Commission agreed to combine the community service event with the October meeting.

Motion by Deb Svensson, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to move the October 5, 2020 meeting to 4:30p.m., the public meeting regarding the Master Plan at 5:00p.m. and the walk through at 5:30p.m.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS

Chairperson Svensson stated that the Township Board is questioning why a detailed list for the maintenance staff and office staff needs to be in place. She added that if nobody else thinks it's a necessary task to pursue, she would move past it. The Commission agreed to stop pursuing this list.

Chairperson Svensson also reported that she believes the pavilions have been sprayed. The new grill has also been ordered.

Park signage and painting of the lines on the tennis courts will have to be discussed at a future meeting, as Commissioner Knopf was reporting on these items.

Commissioner Murray and Commissioner Sawyer will be walking through the park to look for any trees that could be potential safety issues moving forward. They agreed that they would get rid of any down trees if there is leftover money. It was agreed that there are trees that are overhanging the roadway exiting the park that are a great concern.

The pads from the disc golf course have been removed, with the exception of one near the water.

Chairperson Svensson stated that there is still access to Duck Lake Road Park according to the new surveys that were completed.

The new picnic tables have been ordered, and Commissioner Murray will be helping with the placement. He stated that he would email Supervisor Jeske.

The playground has been delivered and will be installed within the next two weeks.

The Commission discussed the chain that is now in place blocking the drive down to the beach area. Commissioner Murray stated that the gate was taken out due to safety, adding that the chain is a safety hazard as well. He stated that something reflective needs to be placed on it, and that he will be reaching out to Supervisor Jeske regarding this matter.

Commissioner Murray also stated that a bike rack was down, but he did his best to get it back up. He also said that a “no lifeguard” sign is down and propped up against a tree that needs to be put back up.

3. Project list for 2021-2022

The Commissioners agreed to continue brainstorming ideas for the upcoming budget. Commissioner Murray stated that he would like to have new posts for the tennis nets added to the budget. He stated that he found some for \$350.00 per set. He also added that the circle drive at Nestrom Road Park needs to be addressed.

4. Master Plan

Chairperson Svensson stated that the Commission is at the final draft stage of the Master Plan. She added that the natural and open areas portion is for the Township Board to complete, and added that it is in their hands at this time. The Commission agreed to do a final look through of the plan and will have it ready for the October meeting.

5. Signage

Tabled until a future meeting due to Commissioner Knopf’s absence.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recap of meeting with the Board of Trustees

Chairperson Svensson stated that she has questions regarding the meeting. She added that she thought the minutes didn’t reflect everything that was discussed, and that she would like to review the tape of the meeting. Chairperson Svensson also stated that she would like more “meat” added to the minutes.

2. Lease Agreement

The commissioners agreed that they do need some kind of agreement in place with the North Muskegon Youth Baseball League.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – referenced the gate being taken down weeks earlier, possibly having been vandalized. Questioned ATV’s allowance in park, adding that there are tracks near the south stairway. Believes vandalism will stop with the presence of the Little League in the park.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Huch stated that he's excited to have the baseball players back.

Chairperson Svensson thanked the North Muskegon Youth Baseball League for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Murray stated that he is excited and thankful for the North Muskegon Youth Baseball League to be back using the park. He also welcomed and thanked the upcoming new commissioners for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Sawyer also thanked the North Muskegon Youth Baseball League.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Sue Sawyer, second from Bob Murray, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the September 8, 2020 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:45 PM.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary