

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
November 3, 2021**

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Two interested parties.

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 discuss the Master Plan update with the public meeting update on the November 3, 2021 agenda with no additional changes.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

MINUTES: Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to accept the October 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes with the correction of one error.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

RECEIPTS:
Chairman Huch reported no receipts activity for October 2021.

DISBURSEMENTS:
Chairperson Huch reported disbursements activity as \$280.00 to Kerkstra for the portable restrooms and \$100.00 to Randy Smith for winterization of the park for total disbursements of \$380.00.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements of \$380.00.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Scoreboard update

Chairman Huch stated that the scoreboard is still not in, but that the company is very apologetic for the long wait. Chairman Huch stated that he would like to wait it out a bit longer since the Commission isn't installing the scoreboard until spring, adding that there is another company that one can be ordered from if the scoreboard doesn't come in. The other commissioners agreed.

2. Trail update on lower section of Nestrom Road Park

Chairman Huch stated that he is pleased with the stumping job that was done in the trails. Commissioner Murray stated that they worked all day to get the stumps removed, but they also got roots, dead trees and did some work on the trails on the top portion of the park. He also added that they pulled the invasive honeysuckle from the park and benches were moved.

3. Public meeting update

Commissioner Murray told the commissioners that the meeting went well, adding that he and Commissioner Knopf were both at the meeting. Commissioner Knopf added that the meeting went well. She also stated that the survey has been extended for another week.

4. Future projects 2022-2023

The commissioners discussed ideas for the upcoming budget, including fence repair, possible concrete around the underside of the bleachers with wood chips underneath, another handicap portable restroom with cement underneath, and possible parking at Marcus Park. Chairman Huch mentioned that Supervisor Marcinkowski is talking to the State for a possible contract for a possible parking lot for Marcus Park. The commissioners also discussed an access road along the south line of the property. Commissioner Murray suggested including money for treatment of the trees, and Commissioner Knopf suggested considering treatment for hemlock wooly adelgid. Commissioner Mitenbuler suggested moving the second portable restroom to the opposite side of the circle drive, adding that it is unpleasant near the second pavilion. The commissioners also discussed the raising of the dugout roof, updates on the electrical building and possibly the pump house, and the possibility of a trunk or treat event at the park next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3767 Jay Road – suggested to the Commission that if they need work sessions, a budget amendment can take place in order to accommodate them. In terms of the budget, Supervisor Marcinkowski suggested putting in a request for money in the specialty fund to fall back on if needed. He reported that all information has been gathered from the public meeting for the Master Plan, adding that in December the public will get 30 days to review and give feedback. The information will be passed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their meeting in January and then will go to the Township Board. Supervisor Marcinkowski added that it will need to be to the DNR by February 1st. For the park, he suggested that having the proper programming in place, such as tournaments, will bring more people to the parks. Supervisor Marcinkowski commented on the plan for gypsy moth and hemlock wooly adelgid and mentioned considering the specialty fund for these things. He also mentioned a gate will be needed for the potential access road, and food of some sort coming to the park for events. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that he

got information regarding bringing wifi into the pavilions, adding that he will pass the information given to the Commission once he receives it. He also added that he's had communications with the DNR regarding parking near Marcus Park and will continue moving forward with contacts and steps moving forward, but that he will also include the Commission. Supervisor Marcinkowski also mentioned that he went to the Muskegon Community Foundation for a possible grant. He submitted it for \$45,000.00 for a possible soccer field and he will keep the Commission informed on what happens moving forward.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Beegle thanked Supervisor Marcinkowski for his hard work and all of his help.

Commissioner Knopf also thanked Supervisor Marcinkowski for his dedicated work with the Parks and Recreation Commission and that it is very appreciated.

Commissioner Mitenbuler echoed Commissioners Beegle and Knopf.

Commissioner Murray suggested using concrete completely under the bleachers rather than using wood chips. He added that in his previous experience, concrete has never been a problem and will actually be even easier for maintenance staff to maintain.

Chairman Huch thanked Supervisor Marcinkowski and Clerk Fagen for the meeting and helpful information given.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the November 3, 2021 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:44 PM.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary