

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
November 4, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Lynn Knopf, Commissioner Herb Huch, Commissioner Bob Murray, Commissioner Sue Sawyer and Commissioner Svensson

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Three interested parties.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Herb Huch, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to accept the November 4, 2020 agenda as written.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to amend the October 5, 2020 regular meeting minutes to include that Commissioner Knopf phoned into the meeting with no additional changes.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Terrie Hampel, 6171 Duck Lake Road – thanked the commission for their work. Added that she will continue to be a volunteer for the Township. Mentioned her work as a grant writer and informed the Commission of a DNR grant.

**RECEIPTS:**

None.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Chairperson Svensson reported disbursements activity as \$190.00 to Kerkstra for the portable restroom, \$148.95 to Randall Smith for winterization of the sprinklers and sprinkler head repair, \$300.00 to Shawna Meyer for naturalist tours, and \$59.48 to TruGreen for fertilization, for total disbursements of \$698.43.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements of \$698.43.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****1. Master Plan**

The commissioners discussed the timeline for having the public view the Master Plan. Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield informed the commissioners that she was emailed by the paper that they accidentally didn't post the notice in the previous week's paper and that they are posting it at no charge in the coming weekend's paper.

**2. Project update**

Commissioner Sawyer stated that the North Muskegon Youth Baseball League informed her that they will need \$400.00 for stone dust next year.

Commissioner Murray stated that he got two quotes back for tree trimming. One quote is from Vanderkooi Tree in the amount of \$1,200.00. The other quote is from Jelinek Tree Service in the amount of \$1,350.00. Commissioner Murray stated that he is comfortable using either company. He added that the gentleman from Vanderkooi Tree stated that he does not have the appropriate equipment to do the lower portion of the park.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to award the work for the upper portion of the park to Vanderkooi Tree in the amount of \$1,200.00 and have Jelinek Tree Service complete the work in the lower portion of the park for no more than \$800.00.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Commissioner Murray also mentioned that the materials he's looking for to complete the horseshoe pits is still not available. He added that the supplies should be available by the end of the fiscal year and that he will install it he is able to. Commissioner Murray mentioned the \$2,000.00 available for stump removal. The Commission discussed getting it done as soon as possible, adding that Jelinek Tree Service has the equipment and capability to get to the lower portion of the park.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to have Jelinek Tree Service complete the stump removal to not exceed \$2,000.00.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Commissioner Huch stated that the grill is still being worked on.

Commissioner Knopf stated that for the signs, she would like the Commission to work with the Township Board and she doesn't want to rush the process. She added that the hope is for the signs to be in place for an extended period of time. Chairperson Svensson mentioned that it might be a good idea to change the practical signs this year, such as the ordinance sign that is outdated, and signs of that nature, and save the larger, "pretty" signs for next year.

**3. 2021-2022 Budget ideas**

Commissioner Huch stated that the Commission should create a site plan for each park in the township with a plan of what they would like to accomplish at each moving forward.

Commissioner Murray stated that the cracks and/or roadway needs repair and Nestrom Road Park. He also suggested putting cement pads under the bleachers for easier maintenance and to keep the bleachers in good shape. Commissioner Huch added that he would like to see the addition of concrete

to appropriate areas of the park. The commissioners agreed that they need to have the Maintenance staff take care of what is currently at the park.

Commissioner Murray stated that the rusty poles on the tennis courts need to be replaced, adding that if the courts are going to be redone, it is something they might want to wait on.

Commissioner Knopf mentioned the possibility of a Trunk or Treat at Nestrom Road Park in the coming years.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Huch stated that the Commission is on the right track, adding that they need to continue doing what is best for the people. He also stated that he would like to see the Commission working with the Township Board moving forward.

Commissioner Knopf stated that it was good to work with everyone on the Commission and wished those not returning good luck in their future endeavors.

Commissioner Sawyer stated that she thinks the Commission made things safer, nicer and cleaner. She also added that the group accomplished a lot in their time.

Commissioner Murray thanked Commissioner Sawyer and Chairperson Svensson for their work on the Commission. He also thanked Terrie Hampel for her work with the Township Board and help with the Commission. Commissioner Murray added that he is looking forward to working with the new Commissioners as well.

Chairperson Svensson echoed what everyone else said. She also added that the commissioners were brought in during a very challenging time, stating that she believes they fulfilled their mission.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Herb Huch, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the November 4, 2020 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:29 PM.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary