

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
December 6, 2021**

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Mark Beegle.

**ALSO PRESENT:** One interested party.

**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 Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to accept the December 6, 2021 agenda as written.

***4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT***

**MINUTES:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Bob Murray, *ADOPTED*, to accept the November 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes with the correction of two errors.

***4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT***

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**RECEIPTS:**

Chairman Huch reported no receipts activity for November 2021.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Chairperson Huch reported disbursements activity as \$59.48 to TruGreen for fertilizer and \$3,310.00 to Viridis Design Group for the Master Plan for total disbursements of \$3,369.48.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to pay total disbursements of \$3,369.48.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Scoreboard update**

Chairman Huch reported that the scoreboard has been delivered and it is being stored until the spring.

**2. Future projects 2022-2023**

The commissioners discussed ideas for the upcoming budget. For the cement, Chairman Huch mentioned doing cement work on the outside of the bleachers, outside of the dugouts, cement for the pumphouse and grills, and the addition of another handicap portable restroom with a cement pad and sidewalk to it. He got a quote for approximately \$6,900.00. Fencing for the ball field will be about \$3,700.00. Chairman Huch added that he looked into possibly installing gates in the park, including a 12-foot gate at the south end of the park. He suggested that it might be a good idea to close seasonally to cut down on plowing and just allow others to use the one way to enter and exit. Chairman Huch also said that there is a larger gate at the Township Hall, and the total for the gates would be about \$6,400. He also suggested getting a new pump house. He stated that the current building isn't in great condition, adding that he found someone that quoted him \$6,000.00 for a new 12x12 building with a partition wall separate for the ball field. Commissioner Huch also mentioned redoing and raising the dugout roof. He also questioned treating Duck Lake for purple loosestrife. Commissioner Knopf mentioned adding a portable restroom for Marcus Park. Commissioner Murray agreed and stated that he went to Marcus Park with Commissioner Knopf and Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski, adding that they found a great spot for a portable restroom that will be easily accessible to Kerkstra for cleanings.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to add a portable restroom at Marcus Park and include it in the 2022-2023 budget.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

Chairman Huch also suggested adding sprinklers to the outfield. Another tennis net post was mentioned, as well as wood fiber for the playground. Commissioner Knopf suggested having pickleball lessons at Nestrom Road Park. Commissioner Mitenbuler suggested waiting to make this decision until the Commission decides what they will be doing with the tennis court moving forward.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Bob Murray, **FAILED**, to put \$400.00 in the 2022-23 budget for pickleball lessons.

**2 AYES, 2 NAYS (Mitenbuler, Huch), 1 ABSENT**

Commissioner Knopf also suggested ideas to improve Marcus Park, including handicap access, kayak launch and floating dock. She added that this could be funded by a grant, and Commissioner Murray stated that the Commission should include money in the specialty fund. Chairman Huch said that he doesn't think too much should be crammed into Marcus Park, adding that it's too small of an area. Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that she doesn't like the idea of the floating dock, adding that she thinks it would be a liability. Commissioner Knopf stated that they wouldn't create too many parking spots so it wouldn't be an issue to add a few more activities. She also added that there are

handicap mats that can be put in, adding that it is important to have handicap access. The commissioners also discussed adding Sports 'N Shorts to the next year's budget.

### 3. Master Plan update

Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that she believes Viridis would be presenting the Master Plan at the Township Board Work Session on December 13<sup>th</sup>. There were questions as to whether this was happening, so the Commission agreed to speak with Supervisor Marcinkowski to get clarification.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to get clarification from Supervisor Marcinkowski.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that Viridis will have the plan ready for the Township Board, with hopes that they will be presenting at the meeting. He added that he emailed Viridis, but will ask again for them to present rather than the Township Board just receiving a digital copy.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to resume Robert's Rules of Order.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3767 Jay Road – stated that the area at Duck Lake State Park that the Commission was looking at for parking for Marcus Park isn't going to work. He added that he's been talking with the Muskegon County Road Commission about the parking issue, adding that they are willing to work with the Township and Commission. Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that he will draw up a plan and share it with them. He also added that the Commission doesn't need to go to the State regarding parking if they extend parking down the road more than 5-6 spaces. Supervisor Marcinkowski also agreed that the Commission shouldn't put too much in at Marcus Park with only a few spaces. He added that they should think about what they want there, but that he does agree with having the park handicap accessible. In terms of the Specialty Fund, Supervisor Marcinkowski suggested that the Commission should let the Township Board know the amount the Specialty Fund will be and told the commissioners that they need to think about what they'll need to put in it. He said that he is happy with the addition of a portable restroom at Marcus Park. Supervisor Marcinkowski also said that all of the projects the commissioners have discussed are great ideas. He added that the commissioners should think about the weed control, adding that the Commission could have a separate budget item for it or to use the Specialty Fund. Supervisor Marcinkowski also suggested that the Commission ask about a warranty for the scoreboard, adding that he didn't get the opportunity to make sure everything was in good working condition. Supervisor Marcinkowski also said that the White Lake Association is interested in installing a boat washing station at the Scenic Drive boat launch.

### COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Knopf stated that she is eager to see the Master Plan.

Commissioner Murray agreed with Commissioner Knopf, also adding a thank you to Supervisor Marcinkowski for his attendance and all of his help.

Commissioner Mitenbuler echoed what the others stated.

Chairman Huch stated that he thinks things are going in the right direction.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the December 6, 2021 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:06 PM.

***4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT***

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary