

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
March 4, 2019**

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

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Three interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Svensson called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Herb Hugh, second from Sue Sawyer, *ADOPTED*, to accept the March 4, 2019 agenda as written.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Herb Huch, second from Bob Murray, *ADOPTED*, to approve the January 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes, the January 23, 2019 work session minutes, and the February 4, 2019 regular meeting minutes, with a minor grammatical error in the February 4, 2019 minutes to be edited.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**RECEIPTS:**

None.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Jeremy Loyselle – North Muskegon Youth Baseball Club**

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to suspend Roberts Rule of Order to discuss the Fruitland Township Nestrom Road Park baseball field with the members of North Muskegon Youth Baseball Club.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Jeremy Loyselle reported that the baseball diamond is regulation size for middle school and high school aged students. He then introduced Director Paul Young, who went into detail about what would need to take place for the field to be playable. He added that maintenance will need to be done

on the field as well. The quotes for tools needed are \$250 for a sod buster and \$30 for three yards of sand from H&H. This project is expected to take approximately 4-5 hours to complete. Mr. Young stated that he would like to request the field for use from April to June from 4:00-7:00p.m. Monday through Friday. The commissioners agreed they would like to move forward.

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

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

## **2. 2019-2020 meeting schedule**

Chairperson Svensson mentioned three meeting dates that would cause a conflict with elections, so the group agreed to move the dates to the corresponding Wednesday of those particular meetings to not conflict with any other board or group that uses the board room.

Motion by Hurb Huch, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to approve the 2019-2020 meeting schedule for the dates of April 1, 2019, May 8, 2019, June 3, 2019, July 1, 2019, August 7, 2019, September 3, 2019, October 7, 2019, November 6, 2019, December 2, 2019, January 6, 2020, February 3, 2020, and March 2, 2020.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

## **3. 2018-2019 expenditures**

Chairperson Svensson reported that the costs for the bleachers to be repaired is \$1,850 and the lumber for the steps to be repaired is \$1,219.95. The commissioners all agreed to request these items to be taken out of the 2018-2019 budget.

Motion by Hurb Huch, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to go to the Township Board to request that the bleacher fees and lumber fees be taken out of the Repairs and Maintenance portion of the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

## **4. 2019-2020 budget**

Commissioner Knopf reported that quotes for the tennis courts from 2017, stating that she hadn't received new quotes from the gentleman that she was speaking with. After much discussion, the commissioners agreed to increase the costs for tennis court repairs to \$6,000.00. This would put Repairs and Maintenance at \$15,200.00, including \$3,000.00 for miscellaneous repairs, \$500.00 for steps on the stairway, \$500.00 for park signage, \$2,500.00 for tree trimming, and \$500.00 for ball field upgrades and maintenance. They are also requesting \$700.00 for postage to cover three informational mailings to residents, \$3,000.00 for Contracting Community Services for Sport and Shorts, \$700.00 for Printing and Publishing, and \$40,250.00 for Capital Improvements which will include \$5,000.00 for portable water to both pavilions, \$250.00 for security cameras, and \$35,000.00 for playground equipment.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to present their proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to the Township Board.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**5. Master Plan review and revision**

The commissioners agreed to discuss the Master Plan during their next work session. This is planned for after the budget approval in April.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Herb Huch, **ADOPTED**, to schedule a work session in April to review and revise the Master Plan.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**6. Seasonal closing of the Disc Golf Course**

Commissioner Murray stated that he had an issue with the DNR guidelines for Oak Wilt of April 15<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup> being used for the Disc Golf closure. He stated that the DNR model and guidelines aren't totally based on science and it's hard to predict when it's a good time to protect the trees with changes of temperature. Commissioner Murray added that he prefers to close the course immediately and leave the re-opening for discussion at a later date. Commissioner Murray also stated that the course was never fully closed like it should've been, and baskets were covered but people were still playing. Commissioner Knopf asked if the poles could be removed as well because she was told that players can still play with just the poles. Commissioner Huch stated that when everything is taken out, it numbered and accounted for as well as documented so nothing is lost.

Motion by Herb Huch, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to discontinue play at the Disc Golf Course effective immediately with removal of the baskets and poles to reopen the course when the Commission sees fit for it to be reopened.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**7. Parks and Recreation mission, goals and objectives**

The commissioners decided to discuss this as part of the Master Plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Sawyer said that the commissioners have a lot to do, but they will do it.

Commissioner Murray stated that with the closing of the course, they will have to determine who is going to be involved and will have to recruit volunteers. Commissioner Huch stated that he is excited to see the baseball field used again, and Commissioner Knopf agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Herb Huch, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the March 4, 2019 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:35 PM.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary