

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
April 3, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Lynn Knopf, Commissioner Greg Barrett, Commissioner Brian Mathiot, Commissioner Maribeth Picard, and Commissioner Thomas Tisue.

**ABSENT:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Knopf called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS** Supervisor Marcia Jeske, Trustee Manny Cisneros, Trustee Terrie Hampel, Trustee Mike Holman, and Brian Mulnix were in attendance.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED**, to amend the April 2017 agenda to include additional items under Old Business.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to accept the March 6, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
No public comment.

**RECEIPTS:**  
No receipts for March 2017.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**  
No disbursements for March 2017.

**NOMINATION/ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to nominate and elect Lynn Knopf as Chairperson to the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT**

**NOMINATION/ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to nominate and elect Greg Barrett as Vice Chairperson to the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT**

**NOMINATION/ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Tom Tissue, **ADOPTED**, to nominate and elect Brian Mathiot as Secretary to the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT**

**OLD BUSINESS:****1. Disc Golf**

Chairperson Knopf stated that she is concerned with the placement of three holes on the course since they are near Duck Lake, and suggested checking with the DEQ before going ahead with course installation. Commissioner Barrett said that the holes can be adjusted if need be. Most of the commissioners agreed that it is better to be safe than sorry in regards to checking with the DEQ before installing the course. The commissioners all approved the layout of the course at Nestrom Road Park as submitted.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to suspend the Roberts Rule of Order for discussion Brian Mulnix and the Trustees.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT**

Brian Mulnix suggested leaving off the installation of the three holes in question is an option rather than holding off on the entire course while checking with the DEQ. Trustee Cisneros also suggested contacting MISDIG to make certain that no lines are in the way for installation. The commissioners also discussed construction time, maintenance, clearing, etc, with the trustees and Brian Mulnix.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, reinstate Roberts Rule of Order.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT**

The commissioners also discussed the Agreement Letter between the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission and Whitehall Disc Golf Club. Commissioner Tissue found issue with a statement that is in the agreement three times and would like further clarification.

Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to accept and sign the agreement letter between the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission and Whitehall Disc Golf Club.

**5 AYES, 1 NAY (Tisue), 0 ABSENT**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to authorize all purchases related to the disc golf course not to exceed \$9,549.00.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT**

**Roll Call Vote: Mathiot-Aye, Tisue-Aye, Barrett-Aye, Knopf-Aye, Picard-Aye**

## **2. Schedule Other Budget Items**

Chairperson Knopf touched on many things she went to the Township Board about in regards to the Commission's budget requests during their Work Session. One particular item of discussion was Marcus Park, and the Township Board's feelings regarding the park. Chairperson Knopf stated that during discussions about the park at the Work Session, Clerk Karolyn Rillema stated that Marcus Park is dangerous and no additional work needs to be completed. Some of the commissioners shared frustrations in regards to statements made about the park and not maintaining it, some adding that Marcus Park is part of the five-year plan of the Commission that was approved. Commissioner Mathiot suggested looking at the bigger picture and whether or not there is anything the commissioners can do. He said that if the park is theirs to maintain then they need to do so.

Supervisor Jeske, Trustee Cisneros and Trustee Holman exited the meeting at 8:10p.m.

Discussions also took place regarding quotes for approved budget projects. All project quotes and bids will be brought to the May 2017 meeting and decisions will be made then. The commissioners will also discuss the 2017-2018 meeting schedule and look into changing things around a bit.

Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to accept the tree trimming quote and get the project completed in the amount of \$600.00.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT**

**Roll Call Vote: Picard-Aye, Knopf-Aye, Barrett-Aye, Tisue-Aye, Mathiot-Aye**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to purchase the grill in the amount of \$181.96 and grill scraper in the amount of \$29.00.

**Roll Call Vote: Mathiot-Aye, Tisue-Aye, Barrett-Aye, Knopf-Aye, Picard-Aye**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED**, to accept the quote for repainting of the pickleball courts at Nestrom Road Park and get the project completed in the amount of \$862.00.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT**

**Roll Call Vote: Picard-Aye, Knopf-Aye, Barrett-Aye, Tisue-Aye, Mathiot-Aye**

The commissioners agreed to bring all ideas for grants to the May 2017 meeting.

**3. Patrick Bouman – Eagle Scout Project**

Patrick will be doing work to the playground equipment at Nestrom Road Park for his project.

**4. Park Review**

Commissioner Barrett will be checking the parks during the month of April and will be bringing any necessary issues to the Commission's attention.

**5. White Lake Little League**

Chairperson Knopf stated that waivers have been sent to White Lake Little League for the use of the baseball field at Nestrom Road Park.

**6. Parks and Recreation Website**

Chairperson Knopf stated that she still wants to get together with secretary Mary Mansfield to discuss the website. She mentioned the idea of doing bios on the commissioners.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**UPDATES:**

None.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Chairperson Knopf stated her frustration with Supervisor Jeske leaving and added that it was known they would be having a discussion during the updates portion of the meeting. Chairperson Knopf stated that she would request for Supervisor Jeske to be at the May 2017 meeting since she left early.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the April 3, 2017 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 8:52 PM.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary