

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
June 3, 2019**

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: A number of 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 Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to amend the agenda to change the dates in a few places on the June 3, 2019 agenda.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

MINUTES: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Herb Huch, **ADOPTED**, to approve the May 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes and the May 20, 2019 work session minutes as written.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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RECEIPTS:

Chairperson Svensson reported receipts activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$125.00 for the month April 2019.

Motion by Herb Huch, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$125.00 from pavilion rentals for the month of May 2019.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairperson Svensson reported disbursements activity as \$56.65 to TruGreen and \$165.00 to Kerkstra the portable restroom for total disbursements of \$221.65.

Motion by Sue Sawyer, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements of \$355.19.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Camera presentation

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rules of Order to discuss the cameras with Doug Hawkins of PCE.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Doug Hawkins of PCE conversed with the commissioners regarding camera information, ranging from the types of cameras, what is needed to install them, costs, longevity, etc.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to follow Roberts Rules of Order and go back into meeting discussions.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

2. Sports 'N Shorts update

Commissioner Svensson reported that the informational mailer went out to 2,000 of the 3,000 residents in The Beacon.

3. Water to 2nd pavilion

Commissioner Huch stated that Randy Smith gave him a quote of \$600.00 for running water to the 2nd pavilion. The commissioners will be contacting him to make sure he knows what they are expecting for this job. Commissioner Huch will be following up with Mike Thomas to get a quote as well.

4. Natural Resource Survey update

Commissioner Murray stated that when he spoke to Shawna Meyer, she told him that a presentation/meeting with the Commission was included in the cost of the survey. It was agreed by the commissioners that she should attend a regular meeting so that the public is more able to attend.

Motion by Deb Svensson, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rules of Order to receive and answer a question from the audience.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

A member of the audience asked what they were discussing, and Chairperson Svensson let him know what the Natural Resource Survey is and what the purpose of it is.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to follow Roberts Rules of Order and go back into meeting discussions.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Chairperson Svensson stated that she was disappointed in the first draft, adding that the final version still needs editing. She added that she wants to make sure Shawna comes in for a presentation as well. Commissioner Murray stated that he is confident in her work and that she will work with them.

Motion by Herb Huch, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to pay Shawna Meyer the remaining amount for the Natural Resource Survey.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

5. Update on grant proposals

Commissioner Knopf stated that she would like to have the letter of intent included in the Work Session discussions. This will need to be completed to be further considered for a grant.

6. Discussion and recommendations from assessment of the park

The bleachers are reported to be worked on as quickly as today. Reports on the tennis courts were that south court is in the worst condition. The commissioners agreed to look into further quotes. There are ground anchors near the fence by the tennis courts that need to be pounded down, and the commissioners agreed to have Supervisor Jeske ask Maintenance Supervisor Steve Brock to do the work. The commission also agreed to look into a quote for repairing the fence that was damaged by a tree by the tennis courts. Commissioner Murray will be looking into top bands for the tennis court nets that need to be repaired. Pickleball will be repainted on the south court.

The base plugs that were purchased for the baseball field were the incorrect ones, so they were returned. The commission agreed to purchase the correct ones.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Herb Huch, **ADOPTED**, to purchase three base plugs for a total of \$96.00 from Amazon.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Commissioner Sawyer stated that the fill has not been brought in to the field yet, and the sod buster also hasn't been used on the field. The program indicated that they haven't had the time to devote to finishing the project. The other organizations that are interested in using the field have been in contact with North Muskegon to coordinate schedules. The commissioners agreed to do research in regards to charging for use of the field.

The shuffleboard area needs power washing. The commissioners agreed to remove the horseshoe area due to it not being used much and not being in good condition.

Motion by Herb Huch, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to remove the horseshoe area from the park.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

The stairways are complete, with another platform added to the bottom of the stairs.

In terms of the playground equipment, the commissioners agreed to remove the single use swing from the monkey bar area. Commissioner Murray is going to repair an area of concern as well. They also agreed to take the tire swing out.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to remove the addressed swings from the playground.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

The commissioners mentioned removing dead trees near the beach area to expand the access to the beach. They are looking into new picnic tables for next fiscal year. They agreed to identify which trees need to be removed and will get quotes once this is completed.

The commissioners assessed the Disc Golf Course during the walk through of the park, and they believe there are many safety concerns with more than one hole on the course. They discussed that it is a hazard due to the recreational area of the trails and Commissioner Knopf stated it doesn't belong in a mixed-use area.

Motion by Herb Huch, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to remove the Disc Golf Course from Nestrom Road Park.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

The commissioners agreed to address signage once they are able to discuss things further. The light at pavilion #1 out building needs to be replaced, so Chairperson Svensson will be reaching out to Supervisor Jeske for this to be fixed. The topic of dog waste removal bags and garbage cans will be researched by Chairperson Svensson and Commissioner Sawyer and discussed at an upcoming meeting.

The commissioners agreed that the play equipment at Marcus Park is in good condition, but they would like to bring in fill for the end of the slide. They added that they don't know the boundaries of the property, so they would like a survey before they move forward with removing invasive species. They will further discuss parking at Marcus Park and a separate meeting.

7. Signs

This topic has been tabled for later discussion.

8. Current projects update

This was discussed with the discussion and recommendations from assessment of the park.

9. June work session

The commissioners agreed to having a June work session, which will be decided at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Lynn Wiedrich, 3348 Nestrom Road – thanked Commissioner Sawyer for looking into what TruGreen uses on the ball field and for getting that information to her. She added that the chemicals they are using are toxic, and she suggested the Commission consider looking into organic options.
2. Janet Walker, 5754 Duck Lake Road – thanked the commissioners for keeping the environment in mind. Mentioned concern of the use of Duck Lake late at night. Mentioned opening up Duck Lake Channel.
3. Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – thanked the commissioners. Reminded the commissioners of the \$30,000 earmarked by the Township Board for playground equipment.
4. Tom Wiedrich, 3348 Nestrom Road – thanked the commissioners. Commented on a smell as they rode past the park on bicycles right after pesticides were sprayed on the field, adding that he and his wife had respiratory issues from this.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Sawyer said that the Commission just needs to keep going.

Commissioner Murray thanked the volunteers for their help. He added that he is in favor of looking into changes for fertilization and pesticides.

Chairperson Svensson stated that the fence along the property line needs fixing, and this is another area that needs to be looked into.

Commissioner Huch thanked those in attendance.

Commissioner Knopf stated that while the water has been an issue for many, that it has been very good for aquatic species.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Herb Huch, second from Bob Murray, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the June 3, 2019 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:12 PM.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary