

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
June 4, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Greg Barrett, Commissioner Steven Gullen, Commissioner Brian Mathiot, Commissioner Maribeth Picard and Commissioner Thomas Tisue.

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** A number of interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Brian Mathiot called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS** A number of interested parties.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, *ADOPTED*, to accept the June 4, 2018 agenda as written.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, *ADOPTED*, to accept the May 7, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Terrie Hampel, 6171 Duck Lake Road – mentioned and invited everyone to the multi-use trail discovery event on June 10, 2018.

**RECEIPTS:**

Vice Chairman Mathiot reported receipts activity as Disc Golf donations for total receipts of \$4.00 for the month May 2018.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, *ADOPTED*, to accept receipts for \$400.00 from Township Park pavilion rental for the month of March 2018.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Vice Chairman Mathiot reported disbursements activity as \$2,500.00 to A.C. Stafford & Sons Tree Service, \$165.00 to Kerkstra, and \$55.00 to TruGreen for total disbursements of \$2,720.00.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements of \$2,720.00.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**Roll Call Vote for Receipts and Disbursements: Picard-Aye, Barrett-Aye, Tisue-Aye, Gullen-Aye, Mathiot-Aye.**

**WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER**

Vice Chairman Mathiot welcomed new commissioner Steve Gullen.

**NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Motion by Tom Tisue, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED**, to nominate and elect Maribeth Picard as Vice Chairperson to the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**NOMINATION OF SECRETARY**

Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Tom Tisue, **ADOPTED**, nominate and elect Steven Gullen as Secretary to the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Nestrom Road Park Ordinance/regulations**

For section R21.04 Parking Regulations, the commissioners agreed to keep parking throughout the park as long as it is plowed and available all year, without extra cost to the Commission.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED**, to allow parking in designated areas throughout the park year-round.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

For section R21.05, Prohibited Activities, the commissioners agreed with the ideas produced by the Township Board. Commissioner Tisue stated that he would like to see alcohol prohibited in the park. It was mentioned that currently alcohol is allowed in the park and is an option for individuals who rent the pavilions. Commissioner Picard stated that a good idea might be to keep it at the pavilions only and that it's not a good idea to have throughout the park. Commissioner Gullen stated that he doesn't see a difference between having it at the pavilion, on the beach, etc. After much discussion,

Chairman Mathiot stated that the Commission just has to provide blanket protection to include in the ordinance, and that there will not be anybody to police the park to make sure the ordinance is followed.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, *ADOPTED*, to add “in the best interest of residents, alcohol consumption outside of the immediate area of the pavilion is prohibited” section R21.05.

**4 AYES, 1 NAY (Gullen)**

For section R21.06 Disc Golf Course, the commissioners discussed the wording of using the stairs, as well as wording for kayaks along the stairways.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, *ADOPTED*, change the wording for stair usage to read “use stairs at all times except to retrieve discs,” and add “no dragging of water vessels down the hills or along the stairways. Access for water vessels is beyond the gated road south of the stairwells.”

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

For section R21.07 Penalties, a suggestion by Commissioner Tissue was agreed upon by the entire Commission.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, *ADOPTED*, change the word “corporation” to “organization.”

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Tom Tissue, *ADOPTED*, to change the amended date to June 4, 2018, and to have the effective date 30 days after the publish date.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

## **2. Playground Equipment**

Chairman Mathiot stated that he contacted Supervisor Kim Arter at Laketon Township for information regarding playground equipment and grants. He is waiting to hear back from her. He added that he would bring information to the July meeting.

## **3. Resource Oversight Committee**

Chairman Mathiot stated that he’s received information from Supervisor Jeske of five interested individuals and said that he would like the decision to be made regarding the Committee at the July meeting. Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield reminded the Commission that no advertisement has taken place for the Committee, and Chairman Mathiot stated that the Commission will advertise in the E-News. He also requested that all of the commissioners bring ideas for what they would like the ROC to look like to the July meeting.

## **4. Future Projects**

Chairman Mathiot stated that each commissioner needs to bring an idea for future projects to the July meeting, adding that he was taking on the project of the tennis courts.

**5. Natural Resource Survey**

Commissioner Picard stated that she will be bringing the information she gathered to the July meeting.

**6. Tennis Courts**

Chairman Mathiot stated that he is working on getting quotes and information regarding replacement of the tennis courts, since he's not sure as to what steps would be best to take in terms of surface. Commissioner Tisue stated that it might be a good idea to speak to someone who actively maintains tennis courts.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. North Muskegon Baseball Association**

Commissioner Picard read a letter that was sent by the North Muskegon Baseball Association in regards to their hopes for the field. She stated that they would like to make such changes as fixing the mound and bases and make them regulation as well. Commissioner Picard stated that the association mentioned having tournaments at the field where half of the proceeds would go to Fruitland Township and half would go to the association. More information will come in the July meeting.

**2. Reinstallation of Disc Golf Course Baskets**

Commissioner Tisue stated that the baskets and the sign will be going back up before the reopening of the Disc Golf Course in July.

**UPDATES:**

None.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Gullen stated that he walked the Disc Golf Course and talked to individuals from the City of Muskegon regarding their course closure and what they plan moving forward. He also added that he counted 34 soft bark trees that need to be removed or blocked.

Commissioner Barrett stated that Dr. Roberts' original report did mention the removal of soft oak trees, guards and mulch. He added that he would like to plan to vote on action at the July meeting. Commissioner Picard responded that she would like to try guarding the trees before removing them. Commissioner Barrett stated that Dr. Roberts didn't like the original tree guard, but a second guard was sent via email. Commissioner Picard stated that they need to cut or guard, but the decision needs to be made and they need to move on.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the April 2, 2018 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:55 PM.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary