

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
July 2, 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 6:34 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS A number of interested parties.

AGENDA: Motion by Maribeth Picard, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to amend the agenda to include Jeremy Loyselle of the North Muskegon Youth Baseball Club to Unfinished Business to the July 2, 2018 agenda.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

MINUTES: Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the June 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom – reported vandalism on the course and on her personal property.
2. Bob Murray, 5582 Duck Lake Road – spoke regarding the closure of the course.
3. Ben Benson, 117 E. Spring Street – questioned why the baseball field isn't being utilized.
4. Dave Pequet, 5650 Duck Lake Road – mentioned threat letter received and that authorities are involved. Read letter from Keith Adkin to Dr. Roberts.
5. Tom Hamilton, 2785 Weesies Road – wanted clarification of parking for fishermen.
6. Lin Wiedrich, 3348 Nestrom Road – mentioned traffic due to Disc Golf and that it's not the only reason the park is being used. Doesn't like the idea of cutting trees.
7. Tom Wiedrich, 3348 Nestrom Road – mentioned survey results. Also mentioned doing studies and move forward afterward.
8. Terrie Hampel, 6171 Duck Lake Road – disappointed in actions of the Parks and Recreation Commission taken in the last six months. She contacted Keith Adkin regarding solutions for the Disc Golf Course.
9. Kimon Kotos, 6171 Duck Lake Road – let everyone know that all Parks and Recreation meeting videos and the presentation by Dr. Roberts are all on YouTube. Irresponsible to not protect the trees.

RECEIPTS:

Vice Chairman Mathiot reported receipts activity as pavilion rentals for total receipts of \$50.00 for the month June 2018.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$50.00 from Township Park pavilion rental for the month of June 2018.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

DISBURSEMENTS:

None.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**1. Jeremy Loyselle, North Muskegon Youth Baseball Club**

Mr. Loyselle gave information regarding the updates of the field to make it playable for all ages. The commissioners asked many questions regarding the updates, maintenance and equipment.

Motion by Maribeth Picard, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED**, partner with North Muskegon Youth Baseball Club for the use of the Nestrom Road Park baseball field.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

2. Nestrom Road Park Ordinance/regulations

Chairman Mathiot reported that the ordinance was updated by the Township Attorney, Kevin Even, and approved by the Township Board. He added that it will be effective July 30, 2018.

3. Playground equipment

Chairman Mathiot stated that he has left the ball in Laketon Township Supervisor Kim Arter's court for too long, and that he will look into things further and come with information to the August meeting.

4. Future projects

Chairman Mathiot asked the other commissioners what their future projects are, adding that his will be the tennis courts. Commissioner Barrett stated that he would like to work on the baseball field and the Disc Golf Course. Commissioner Tisue stated that he is interested in the natural resources of the parks, and he is interested in being involved with the Resource Oversight Committee. Commissioner Gullen stated that he would like to look into a lightning warning system. Commissioner Picard said that she would like to work on parking at Marcus Park and the baseball field.

Chairman Mathiot stated that the commissioners should bring specifics of their accomplishments or projects to the August meeting.

5. Natural resource survey

Commission Picard distributed the quote information from three individuals. Shawna Meyer will be contacted to include Marcus Park in her quote.

Commissioner Gullen asked for copies of examples of each individual's studies.

6. Tennis Courts

Chairman Mathiot stated that there are a few different courses of action that can be taken. He stated that they can have the courts patched and/or resurfaced and have to do the same thing in a few years, or the Commission can replace them. Chairman Mathiot stated that in the long run, total replacement is the best option because patching is a short-term fix and will only last a few years. The other commissioners agreed. Chairman Mathiot added that he will be getting more information and quotes on replacement.

7. Sanitation needs at Marcus Park

Commissioner Tisue stated that he cannot be quiet regarding this issue, adding that it is irresponsible to not have some kind of sanitation facility at the park. The commissioners discussed the number of individuals using the park as well. Chairman Mathiot stated that it was in the budget proposal for the current fiscal year and was denied. The issue will continue to be brought up to the Township Board.

8. Replacement of goal baskets

The Disc Golf baskets that were originally removed after the closure of the course will be replaced on July 15, 2018. The course will reopen on July 16, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Unauthorized play and vandalism at the Disc Golf Course**

It was reported that the closure signs and basket coverings were the items vandalized or removed. The commissioners agreed that it's frustrating to hear about this issue, and that it's difficult to buy into the mindset to commit such acts.

UPDATES:

None.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Picard stated that she and Commissioner Barrett were out on the baseball field with NHS volunteers placing the ball capping on the fences. She added that there is about 250 feet to still be installed.

Commissioner Tisue mentioned a large Disc Golf tournament that is being planned for Nestrom Road Park Disc Golf Course at the end of July and asked the other commissioners if any of them knew about the tournament. None of the commissioners indicated having knowledge of the tournament. Chairman Mathiot stated that the individuals involved with planning would have to go through the proper course of action, adding that he was not contacted regarding the tournament.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the July 2, 2018 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 8:17 PM.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary