

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
July 6, 2015**

PRESENT: Chairperson Lynn Knopf, Commissioner Rob Zoellmer, Commissioner Mary Nagengast, and Commissioner Laura Shields

ABSENT: Commissioner Steve Urban

ALSO PRESENT: Four Guests

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Knopf called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Mary Nagengast, second from Rob Zoellmer, **ADOPTED**, to amend the July 6, 2015 agenda to allow Patricia Townsend to speak longer than the allotted 3 minutes during public comment.

Voice Vote: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mary Nagengast, **ADOPTED**, to accept the June 1, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

Voice Vote: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia Townsend of 4944 Bluff Road previously sent a letter asking the Commission for permission to put lines on the second tennis court for pickle ball. Mrs. Townsend attended this meeting and explained that she is part of a group of 21 people that enjoy playing pickle ball. The lines would not be permanent but tape, which can be removed.

RECEIPTS:

Chairperson Knopf reported receipts activity as Township Park pavilion rental, for total receipts of \$25.00 for the month of June 2015.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mary Nagengast, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$25.00 for the month of June 2015.

Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Nagengast-Aye, Zoellmer-Aye, Knopf-Aye, 1 Absent

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairperson Knopf reported disbursements activity as \$170.00 to Kerkstra's, \$124.85 to Holly's Irrigation, and \$26.00 to Lynn Knopf for total disbursements of \$320.85 for the month of June 2015.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Laura Shields, **ADOPTED**, to pay Kerkstra's \$170.00.

Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Nagengast-Aye, Zoellmer-Aye, Knopf-Aye

1 Absent

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Rob Zoellmer, **ADOPTED**, to pay Holly's Irrigation \$124.85.

Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Nagengast-Aye, Zoellmer-Aye, Knopf-Aye

1 Absent

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Laura Shields, **ADOPTED**, to pay Lynn Knopf \$26.00 for Survey Monkey.

Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Nagengast-Aye, Zoellmer-Aye, Knopf-Aye

1 Absent

OLD BUSINESS:

Master Plan – Chairperson Knopf feels there is not much that can be done on this until the results of the survey are in. The survey will run until July 26th.

Grant Discussion – Twice a year the Muskegon Community Foundation – Service League issues grants. We can make an application for a grant to improve restrooms or to make improvements to the walking trails and the stairway system in Nestrom Park down to Duck Lake. Chairperson Knopf would like to see a drive down system to Duck Lake from Nestrom Road Park to make Duck Lake accessible to people with disabilities or people with small children. A letter of intent must be submitted by August 1st. The Commission decided to wait for survey results and see what residents are wanting in the parks. From those results estimates for projects will be obtained to be presented in a letter of intent at the next deadline. August 1st is just too soon to formulate a letter of intent.

Chairperson Knopf will find out the boundaries to Nestrom Road Park prior to the next meeting. This way the Commission will know what they have to work with in making decisions for projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016-2017 Budget – Chairperson Knopf suggested looking at paving an area to the portable restrooms and resurfacing of the tennis courts. Commissioner Zoellmer will check on what Whitehall Schools did as far a resurfacing their tennis courts. He also mentioned that some of the budget money could be used to remove some of the invasive plants growing in Marcus Park. Some of these plants can kill trees and/or take over the entire park. Chairperson Knopf suggested wood chips on the stairway to Duck Lake at Nestrom Road Park.

UPDATES:

Township Survey – To date there have been 65 responses to the survey. Responses started off quick and now seem to be slowing down. She gave the login and password to all members of the Commission so they could go on-line and look at results and comments given. Currently the top items people are asking for are restrooms, walking trails, biking trails and cross country trails.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioners discussed the request of the pickle ball group to tape the second tennis court for pickle ball play. Everyone agreed that this would be a good option for this year. Chairperson Knopf will call Mrs. Townsend to let her know.

Commissioner Nagengast requested clarification and agreement on what benches and bike racks to order. Following discussion, Commissioner Nagengast will order a blue bike rack for Marcus Park and a green bench and yellow bike racks for Nestrom Road Park.

Chairperson Knopf will print out results and comments of the survey for all Commission members and will bring to the August meeting. Following review all items will be placed into the Master Plan which will then be submitted to the Township Board in August.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mary Nagengast, second from Rob Zoellmer, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the July 6, 2015 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 8:04 PM.

Voice Vote: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thomasma, Recording Secretary