

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
August 1, 2018**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Steven Gullen.

ALSO PRESENT: Three interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Brian Mathiot called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to amend the agenda to include soft disc discussion New Business on the August 3, 2018 agenda.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the July 2, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Sue Douglas, 6069 South Shore Drive – glad the course has been reopened and hopeful that the course will stay.

RECEIPTS:

Chairman Mathiot reported receipts activity as pavilion rentals for total receipts of \$93.15 for the month July 2018.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$93.15 from Township Park pavilion rental and disc golf donations for the month of June 2018.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairman Mathiot reported disbursements activity as \$55.00 to TruGreen, \$165.00 to Kerkstra, and \$69.95 to Randy Smith for total disbursements of \$289.95.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements of \$289.95.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**1. Playground equipment**

Chairman Mathiot gave the commissioners a sample of what he has been looking at in terms of equipment. He also added that he will be looking into the surface that is there and whether it needs updating.

2. Future projects

Chairman Mathiot stated that he is still looking into more quotes for the tennis courts. Commissioner Picard stated that she has some information regarding the parking at Marcus Park, but that she is still contacting individuals for quotes.

3. Natural resource survey

Chairman Mathiot reported that there is \$2,500.00 available in the 2018-19 budget for a natural resource survey.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Tom Tisue, **ADOPTED**, to have Shawna Meyer execute the Natural Resource Survey as previously laid out to the commission for both Nestrom Road Park and Marcus Park.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

4. Sanitation needs at Marcus Park

The commission began discussions regarding the sanitation needs at Marcus Park, and decided they were unsure of what the reasoning was regarding the Township Board not wanting a portable restroom at Marcus Park.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rule of Order to discuss sanitation needs at Marcus Park with Supervisor Jeske.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Supervisor Jeske stated that the Township Board's reasoning behind not placing a portable restroom at Marcus Park is due to having an issue getting one in at the park, being able to have a safe spot for it, as well as increased visibility and extra visitors to use the park due to not many restrooms in the area. Commissioner Picard stated that there are restrooms at Duck Lake State Park. The commissioners agreed that they can't imagine people stopping at the park just to use a portable restroom, but that they would rather have them use the restroom than the woods or the lake.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to follow Roberts Rules of Order and go back into meeting discussions.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reallocation of Parks and Recreation legal fees

Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to reallocate funds for legal fees regarding the Disc Golf Course to account 101-691-801.000.

3 AYES, 1 NAYS (Tisue), 1 ABSENT

1. Soft disc discussion

Commissioner Mathiot suggested that the soft discs are a good idea to think about in effort to make everyone happy and eliminate some concerns. He added that unfortunately, there isn't a way to regulate things. Commissioner Barrett stated that while it's an idea to make others happy, he stated that the course will not be played the way it is now because purchasing new discs would be incredibly expensive. Commissioner Tisue stated that a good idea may be to have the requirement of the soft discs being used during the critical period. Commissioner Mathiot stated that the commission needs to cater to as many people as possible, and that the commission could ask and recommend the soft discs, and that it's better than not doing anything. The commissioners agreed to continue discussions at the September meeting.

Commissioner Picard questioned protecting the trees, adding that it keeps being pushed off. Commissioner Mathiot stated that once Shawna's survey is complete, the commission will then be able to determine which trees to protect.

UPDATES:

Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield reported to the commission that a tree had fallen by the tennis courts and bent part of the fence down. She added that the tree was taken care of, and that the maintenance supervisor bent the fence back the best he could. The commission agreed to look at the fence and see about replacement or fixing a section.

Commissioner Picard stated that the North Muskegon Youth Baseball Club will be coming with an itemized list to the commission in hopes of opening the field in spring. She added that they will be moving the bases, using scrapers to clear the paths, and creating a game schedule in March.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Barrett stated that hole three of the Disc Golf Course borders a neighbor's property. He added that this neighbor had reported trespassing on the property and that a fence has been placed there. Commissioner Barrett added that he believes the fence is leaning on trees that are on the Township's property. He also stated that before the course was installed, he walked the course with the neighbor and moved the hole in order to be accommodating. Commissioner Barrett stated that he wondered if a survey had been completed on the property.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the August 3, 2018 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:40 PM.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary