

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

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Three interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Svensson called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Bob Murray, second from Herb Huch, **ADOPTED**, to amend the agenda to include #5 Natural Resource Survey and #6 surveys on the August 7, 2019.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to approve the August 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes with the changes suggested.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None.

**RECEIPTS:**

Chairperson Svensson reported receipts activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$50.00 for the month August 2019.

Motion by Sue Sawyer, second from Herb Huch, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$50.00 from pavilion rentals for the month of August 2019.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Chairperson Svensson reported disbursements activity as \$165.00 to Kerkstra for the portable restroom, \$1,500.00 to Sports N Shorts, \$250.86 to Amazon for the Mutt Mitt dispensers, \$720.00 to Lakeshore Parking Lot for the tennis court repairs, and \$119.97 to Amazon for Mutt Mitt bags for total disbursements of \$2,755.83.

Motion by Sue Sawyer, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements of \$2,755.83.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **1. Fiscal year 2020 budget**

The commissioners discussed upcoming projects for the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Items include fence repairs at the tennis courts, picnic tables down near the beach, a potential fenced in area for dogs to run, ballfield cleaning and maintenance, tree trimming, a camera or cameras for keeping track of traffic (still possibly looking into this for this year's budget), playground equipment, horseshoe pits, pickleball presentation, work on tennis courts, Sports N Shorts, work at the second pavilion, possible lighting at the pavilions, income/output for pavilions and the ball field, and surveys of the existing Fruitland Township Parks.

### **2. Projects update**

Chairperson Svensson questioned whether the work on the tennis courts is complete, stating that the cracks are not completely filled in and they're uneven. Commissioner Murray stated that the remainder will be filled in with the sealant. Commissioner Knopf questioned whether the company would even out around the cracks, and Commissioner Huch stated that the company did the best job they could with not being able to completely access the courts.

Water to the second pavilion will be taken care of either the first of next week or the following week.

The commissioners discussed the fence repair down near the beach, and they discussed having this completed by 2020.

Trees have been marked as suggested for which ones should be trimmed and which ones should be removed.

Commissioner Knopf stated that the grant has been applied for through the Community Foundation of Muskegon. She added that she would like to submit a grant to Howmet, adding that it's a simple grant to apply for and that the wait time is only 90 days. She added that they could possibly add a plaque to the new playground equipment for their portion if they are awarded a grant.

### **3. Sports N Shorts**

Chairperson Svensson stated that she was very pleased with the outcome of the program, adding that there were 29 kids signed up for the program this year, with 24 of those children being from Fruitland Township. She added that two of them she was unsure of where they were from. Reports also indicated that 20-25 of the enrolled children showed daily.

### **4. Tree Trimming**

Discussed during projects update.

### **5. Natural Resource Survey update**

Commissioner Knopf stated that Shawna Meyer will be attending the meeting in October, and asked the commissioners about a timeline for a walk through of the park. The commissioners stated that creating flyers to get the information out would be a good idea.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to ask the audience about their opinion of the walk through and meeting times.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Bob Penny stated that he would come to the meeting to do the walk through of the park to discuss the Natural Resource Survey findings, and that he would suggest an early meeting and then a walk through of the park. Carlet Mitenbuler agreed, adding that she would walk along as long as Shawna wanted to.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Herb Huch, **ADOPTED**, to change the October 7, 2019 regular meeting to 5:00p.m. and have the walk-through presentation at the park to take place at 6:00p.m.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS****6. Surveys**

Chairperson Svensson volunteered to tabulate the results of the surveys that went out with the tax bills, and Commissioner Sawyer agreed to help her.

Commissioner Huch stated that he is not going to put much thought into the surveys, adding that they were premature and the Commission knows what they need to do. Commissioner Murray stated that the surveys needed to be done for the master plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – found the Commissioners comments interesting. She stated that the tennis courts are used on a regular basis. She also added that the beach is not as popular.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Huch thanked the audience for attending the meeting. He added that the group is making progress.

Commissioner Murray agreed with Commissioner Huch, adding that there has been additional activity in the park.

Commissioner Knopf reminded the other commissioners that they are members of the Michigan Township Association and they are all registered, adding that all they need to do is create a password and they will be able to log on and view very helpful and useful information.

Commissioner Sawyer stated that the Commission is doing the best they can and they will get through it.

Chairperson Svensson thanked the community members who contributed to Sports N Shorts and stated that without them, it wouldn't have happened. She also stated that she would work on getting ideas from everyone and the agenda completed much earlier, as Commission Secretary Mary Mansfield isn't able to get the information out before it is approved by the Chairperson. She added that she will work on this moving forward.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Herb Huch, *ADOPTED* to adjourn the September 3, 2019 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:45 PM.

*5 AYES, 0 NAYS*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary