

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
October 9, 2018**

PRESENT: Commissioner Brian Mathiot, Commissioner Greg Barrett and Commissioner Steven Gullen.

ABSENT: Commissioner Maribeth Picard and Commissioner Thomas Tisue

ALSO PRESENT: A number of interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Mathiot called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to accept the October 9, 2018 agenda as written.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to accept the September 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Bob Murray, 5582 Duck Lake Road – mentioned supporting Terrie Hampel and her efforts to remove bittersweet at McMillan Road End. Stated that he would support her and the manual removal of bittersweet at Marcus Park.

RECEIPTS:

Chairman Mathiot reported zero receipts for the month of September 2018.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairman Mathiot reported disbursements activity as \$165.00 to Kerkstra for total disbursements of \$165.00.

Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements of \$165.00.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**1. Future projects update**

Chairman Mathiot stated that he is still looking into information for tennis courts. He said that just patching them isn't an option, and he's still looking into the best options. Commissioner Barrett stated that he and Commissioner Picard are working on the fence capping on the baseball field, with only the left field line portion left to replace. Chairman Mathiot asked whether the work would be completed before winter, and Commissioner Barrett said that it would, and that the North Muskegon Youth Baseball Club would be assisting. Commissioner Gullen stated that he is still looking into a quote for a lightening detection system.

2. Natural resource survey

Commissioner Tissue was supposed to update the Commission on any further developments in regards to the survey, and in his absence, was asked if he had any information to share with the group. Nothing was forwarded to the commissioners regarding the status of the survey.

3. Sanitation needs at Marcus Park

Chairman Mathiot stated that Commissioner Picard has been working on this project, adding that when she spoke to Kerkstra, they are able to put a portable restroom at Marcus Park. He added that it needs to be placed on the budget for the next fiscal year.

4. Soft disc discussion

After much discussion, the Commissioners agreed that enforcing soft disc use would be hard to police. Commissioner Barrett stated that it would be hard to define what a soft disc is. He and Commissioner Gullen agreed that it would fundamentally change the game. Chairman Mathiot stated that since the course is not a tournament only course, he thinks that recommending the use of soft discs is a good idea and there would be no harm in doing so.

5. Disc Golf Course

Chairman Mathiot reminded everyone that everyone on the commission voted to install the course when it was proposed. He added that since the installation, the commission has been bogged down with foolishness and issues since, not giving them a chance to tackle many other projects or areas of concern.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, ***ADOPTED***, to immediately transfer the ownership, governance, care/control and maintenance of the Disc Golf Course located at Nestrom Road Park to the Fruitland Township Board effective immediately to remain in effect going forward.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

NEW BUSINESS:**1. Bittersweet at Marcus Park**

Chairman Mathiot stated that it has been proposed to have the bittersweet pulled at Marcus Park rather than having it sprayed. He added that he is on board to help, and stated that he would have something added to the Township e-news letter to petition volunteers.

UPDATES:

None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Chairman Mathiot stated that the commission will continue to make whatever strides they can to make the parks in Fruitland Township worth visiting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, *ADOPTED* to adjourn the October 9, 2018 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:04 PM.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary

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