

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
June 6, 2022**

PRESENT: Commissioner Herb Huch, Commissioner Bob Murray and Commissioner Carlet Mitenbuler.

ABSENT: Commissioner Mark Beegle and Commissioner Lynn Knopf.

ALSO PRESENT: Two interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Huch called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to accept the June 6, 2022 agenda as written.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to accept the May 4, 2022 regular meeting minutes as written.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

Chairman Huch reported receipts activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$210.00 for the month May 2022.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairperson Huch reported disbursements activity as \$250.00 to Kerkstra for the ADA portable restroom for total disbursements of \$250.00.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$210.00 for pavilion rentals and to pay total disbursements in the amount of \$250.00.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

Roll Call Vote: Murray-Aye, Mitenbuler-Aye, Huch-Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mary O'Connor Shaw – Citizens Advisory Committee for Grant Research and Writing for Fruitland Township

Mary O'Connor Shaw introduced herself as the committee chair for the Citizens Advisory Committee for Grant Research and Writing. She mentioned that the group also includes Marcia Jeske and Manny Cisneros. Ms. Shaw informed the commissioners that the committee would like to work collaboratively with the Commission to potentially secure grant funding for future projects. She also mentioned different funding sources that are available that could potentially be very profitable for the Commission and future projects. Commissioner Murray questioned if it would be a good idea to set up a work session to collaborate with the committee to discuss possible ideas for such grants, and the other commissioners agreed. Commissioner Murray said that he thinks the biggest issue for the Commission would be the tennis courts and replacement. He added that it might be a good idea to get input from the public regarding having a separate, stand alone pickleball court or if there should be one tennis court with multiple pickleball courts. Commissioner Murray also questioned if Ms. Shaw has had experience with grant writing, and she responded that she has experience, just not in the realm of Parks and Recreation. She also added that she would be working with GMED in the process. Chairman Huch stated that handicap access is important and that it is something the Commission is working on. Ms. Shaw stated that there is a lot of funding available for ADA compliance.

Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski made mention again to the commissioners of the ARPA funding that is available. He stated that an additional \$300,000 is coming to the Township, adding that the Commission can request that certain projects be completed using this funding. He urged the Commission to consider projects that could be completed using this funding, possibly using potential grant monies for other projects.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Fence and EWF quotes

Commissioner Murray mentioned the two fencing quotes the commissioners received from Supervisor Marcinkowski for repairs. The commissioners had some questions regarding the quotes.

Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rules of Order to discuss the fencing quotes with Supervisor Marcinkowski.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that both quotes are for commercial gauge fencing, adding that they will give the same as what is currently in the park. He also verified that a gate is not included in the quote.

Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to reinstate Roberts Rules of Order.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to approve the quote from AAA Fence, LLC to repair the fence at Nestrom Road Park and the baseball field at \$1,640.00 with no down payment being made. The Commission will pay when the work is complete.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

Commissioner Murray presented the two quotes for ground covering for the playground to the commissioners. The quote from Three Oaks Groundcover came in much less than Superior Groundcover.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to hire Three Oaks Groundcover in the amount of \$870.00 for 30 yards of covering.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

2. Projects/update on future construction work

Chairman Huch stated that cement work will be completed on Thursday. He also added that the portable restroom was moved to the opposite side of the circle drive between the tennis court and baseball field. The commissioners also discussed the complaint that was received regarding the baseball field, adding that the issues have been addressed and are being worked on in terms of the infield and an additional portable restroom has been added to the park since the complaint came in.

3. Gypsy moth spray update

Commissioner Murray reported that the spraying was completed on Wednesday.

4. Baseball field update

Chairman Huch stated that he is going to get more quotes for the sprinkler work that needs to be completed. He also mentioned getting quotes for electrical work for the new scoreboard.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3767 Jay Road – mentioned the ARPA funds again and added that the Commission just needs to make a formal request or ask him to take requests to the Township Board for projects they'd like to complete using the funding. The commissioners agreed that they would like to ask about the possible replacement of the tennis courts at \$50,000.00 each, the volleyball court at \$10,000.00, and expanding the fence and repairing fencing by the beach at approximately \$25,000.00.

Supervisor Marcinkowski also stated that the Community Foundation asks for a wish list every spring, adding that he requested \$45,000.00 for the potential soccer field.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that she is thrilled with the funding available and looks forward to possibly having potential projects being completed with it.

Commissioner Murray thanked Ms. Shaw for coming to the meeting and informing the commissioners of the committees hopes. He added that he looks forward to working with her.

Chairman Huch thanked Ms. Shaw and Supervisor Marcinkowski for attending and thanked Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield for keeping him in line.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the June 6, 2022 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:57 PM.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary