

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022 MINUTES**

PRESENT – Trustee Holman, Trustee Jeske, Treasurer Pachman, Supervisor Marcinkowski, Clerk Fagan, Trustee Graham, Trustee Lundell

ALSO PRESENT – (5) Five interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the August 8, 2022 Work Session Meeting to order at 10:01 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to accept the August 8, 2022 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.
Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Park Commission – 8/3 meeting update** - Commissioner Huch reported that the irrigation is nearly done, the pump house has been installed and the dug-out roofs should be done this week. The Parks Commission plans to begin the tennis courts next and they are currently collecting quotes. Commissioner Huch has received one quote from a vendor in Montague that is approximately \$38,931 and should last 5-8 years. The company recently did work in White River Township. Commissioner Murray has received a quote for close to \$180,000. There may be trees that need to be removed. Commissioner Huch stated that the Parks Commission has not voted on a quote at this time.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Jeske, **ADOPTED**, to suspend from Robert’s Rules in order to discuss with Commissioner Huch.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Supervisor Marcinkowski and Commissioner Huch discussed the specifics of the tennis court repair quotes and whether the Parks Commission is still considering the pickle ball court. Commissioner Huch stated his opinion (not his board) is to wait on the pickle ball court and just have the pickle ball lines on the tennis courts. Trustee Lundell questioned why the quotes were so significantly different.

Supervisor Marcinkowski shared that he is considering the Par Plan Risk Reduction grant through our insurance company to get funding for security cameras for Nestrom Park to cut down on vandalism.

Trustee Holman thanked the Parks Commission for their work with the ball field and questioned what is being done at the end of White Lake Drive.

Motion by Trustee Graham, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to return to Robert's Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

- b. WMEAC – Presentation** – Carlos Calderone gave a short presentation titled “Keeping White Lake Water Clean” about septic system maintenance in this area. A lack of septic system regulation and maintenance requirements appears to be leading to groundwater contamination in the White Lake Area.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to suspend from Robert's Rules in order to discuss with Carlos.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

Supervisor Marcinkowski asked if the recent years with high water levels would have effected the septic systems and ground water contamination.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to return to Robert's Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 7 AYES – motion carried

- c. ZBA meeting** – ZBA has a meeting tonight, 8/8 at 6pm.
- d. Planning Commission – 8/4** – Trustee Holman reported that the Planning Commission has discussed the suggestion to rezone part of White Lake Drive to commercial but have concern due to potential issues for current residents if the area is rezoned and questions about whether the land is even buildable. They are updating some day care ordinances to be compliant with updated state laws and have also tabled work on a Solar Farm ordinance to wait and see what other neighboring township comes up with.
- e. Duck Lake Road project** – Some shoulder work remains to be done.
- f. MSU Extension – Food Safety Programing – August 3rd** – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported that the final class was cancelled due to no interest.
- g. White Lake Water Quality Forum Dates** – WMEAC will be at Fruitland Township Hall on 8/18 from 6-8PM. Previous forums have been very well attended.
- h. Scenic Drive Road end – update** – Supervisor Marcinkowski reported that the light pole is installed. He continues to work with neighboring residents regarding parking

leases. The residents have requested crushed limestone be used for the parking area. Trustee Graham suggested that crushed limestone actually is not good for the water and that crushed concrete would likely be the best choice environmentally.

- i. **Audit presentation 8/15** – Eric Van Dop will be at next week’s meeting for the yearly audit presentation.
- j. **Met with Greg Sherburn – State Park Director** – Supervisor Marcinkowski met with Greg Sherburn to discuss the Track Chair, Dunes Cemetery and Shoulders on Scenic Drive. Mr. Sherburn agreed with the Board’s idea to have the cemetery boundaries marked with posts instead of a full fence and shared that there will be an archeology group will be coming through with ground penetrating radar to locate the physical graves. Mr. Sherburn did agree that an agreement could be put in place for Fruitland Township to allocate funding for the track chair itself with the State Park funding the electric and storage of the chair within the park. The Board discussed whether this project is something they want to move forward with, citing concerns about Fruitland Township funding not being used for projects within Fruitland Township and whether the current track chair at Muskegon State Park could be used at Duck Lake State Park.
- k. **South Shore Drive** - Road Work and culvert replacement work will begin August 8th
- l. **Letter received from James Konieczny to WLFA** – Recommendation for Meritorious Service Award regarding the response to his family’s water emergency.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **VRBO Complaint** – 5318 South Shore drive has been reported to the Ordinance Enforcement and Supervisor Marcinkowski will keep the board updated if this becomes a bigger issue.
- b. **Township Hall Cleaning** – Supervisor Marcinkowski, Clerk Fagan and Treasurer Pachman have met with two companies and should have quotes coming from Jen’s Cleaning Service and S&A Cleaning.
- c. **Duck Lake Dune Cemetery – update** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has asked for a White Lake Beacon feature story with all the individuals that came together to find the boundaries for this cemetery.
- d. **Road Projects – chip and seal/sub division roads** – These projects were cancelled for this year by MCRC due to over commitment of projects and letters sent out to each property owner. The Board will begin the process early next year as soon as pricing can be locked.
- e. **Eagle Scout Cemetery Project – Devin Barbier** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared that Devin is ready to order materials to build the 5 benches and install 1 flagpole.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **White Lake Drive – Commercial District** – The Board decided to table this topic while the Planning Commission researches the idea.
- b. **Drone use for township video** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared his list of specifications/criteria based on input from the Board and will start a RFQ for quotes.
- c. **PPE – WLFA -SCBA's – ARPA funds** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has been told that Whitehall City and Township is considering an allocation of \$25,000 from their ARPA funds and would like to propose that Fruitland Township does the same.
- d. **RESOLUTION 2022-14 DEDICATION OF TOWNSHIP PARK (Fruitland-Berry Junction Trail Park)**
- e. **RESOLUTION 2022-15 – PROCLAMATION AND SUPPORT SEPTICSMART WEEK** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is proposing this proclamation to show that Fruitland Township supports the efforts by WMEAC and finds this information to be necessary and important for residents.
- f. **County Broadband Survey - \$132,000** – Muskegon County is moving forward on a Broadband survey and is asking for support from municipalities. \$10,000 has been requested and could be paid for via ARPA funds. Trustee Lundell asked for clarification on what will happen with the information once the survey is completed.
- g. **AC unit for Community Center on Lamos – window shaker** – Supervisor Marcinkowski will begin getting quotes. Clerk Fagan stated that it was very warm at the Community Building during the election set up and the day of the election. Air conditioning could help maintain the building as well. There were also comments about improving the parking lot at the Community Building.
- h. **New Community Center – location – polling station – events** – Supervisor Marcinkowski and Clerk Fagan suggested that a new building be considered for Fruitland Township use. The Community Building has become too small for election purposes – the meeting room is barely big enough for all the equipment and to legally maintain distances required for precinct set up. There were issues with the line of voters that stretched down the road during the November 2020 election as well as parking issues. A new building could also be used for community events and be used as a resource center in the event of a community emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Mary Ann Bard, 1428 W River Rd - I don't think Fruitland T Township should get involved in the CHAIR! NO TO THE CHAIR!

No to the County for anymore money. Fruitland Township is always giving because they think we have the dollars. They care about Fruitland Township only the money.

What are you about Mr. Henry property? He has pulled this long enough and you people are stupid to keep believing him. . He has two good cars now sitting on the side of his house and his old Caddy is in the woods. Wonder if he has it licen

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Trustee Lundell asked for an update regarding staffing for the Ecology Station. The job opening will be posted this week. Trustee Jeske requested an update regarding how many residents have signed up for the VAC. The Board discussed recent complaints regarding Verizon cell phone service and whether the current Verizon tower is having issues. Tree removal was suggested for the parking lot at the Community Building as well as other areas in the Township. Supervisor Marcinkowski shared an RFP for tree removal at the township hall, community center, ecology station, White River Light Station and Nestrom Park. Supervisor Marcinkowski shared that Laketon Township is getting a MADL branch. Supervisor Marcinkowski is working on additional signage for the DCNA regarding marking the hunting area limits. Supervisor Marcinkowski shared a quote about hope. Trustee Jeske shared that Kim Arter (Laketon Township Supervisor) has joined the Grant CAC and they are working on shoulders on Scenic Road. Clerk Fagan shared updates regarding Senior Millage

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the August 8, 2022 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:55 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland