

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2022 MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT** - Trustee Holman, Trustee Jeske

**ALSO PRESENT** – (3) Three interested parties

**CALL TO ORDER** - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the October 11, 2022 Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA** - Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Treasurer Pachman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended October 11, 2022 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

*Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were none.

**PRESENTATIONS** -

- a. **Mary Shaw – CAC Grants – Scenic Drive Safe Streets** - Next meeting 10/19/22. The committee has made contact with someone at the State that can help point them in the right direction for grants and help and may also help with paperwork. Asked the Board to support Resolution 2022-19.
- b. **Dave Rice – Duck Creek Natural Area** – Road sign has been completed and will be placed within the next week. Benches have been installed by Micah Witham with his Boy scout Project. Meetings have taken place and are being planned to discuss with EGLE regarding planning for Phase 2 near the wetlands. Westshore Engineering is working on ADA plans as well. Working on an informational kiosk for the parking lot. Would like to organize a tour for the Board.
- c. **Park Commission – 10/3 meeting update – Herb Huch** – Chairman Huch met with another option for repairing the tennis courts and the Parks Commission continues to discuss options. Chairman Huch would like to see some trees removed as he feels this is contributing to the deterioration of the tennis courts. The Parks Commission has a Work Session planned for 10/20 with a Nestrom Park walkthrough to happen during that time. Dugout roofs should be finished this week. Delayed “Trunk or Treat” to next year.
- d. ~~**Planning Commission – 10/7 – meeting update – Mike Holman**~~

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –**

- a. **McMillan Road End** – Stairs and path completed on 10/10. There have been good resident comments coming in already.
- b. **Tree harvesting – Blank and Lakewood** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared an update and schedule from the logging/forestry being done. Trustee Graham asked that the schedule be put on our website.
- c. **2022 Wish List Muskegon Foundation** – Supervisor Marcinkowski made another request for \$45,000 for soccer fields to the Muskegon Foundation wish list.
- d. **White Lake Dr Road End** – Graded at no cost to the township – LD and Joyce Walker and Mike Donahue have verbally offered to sell their portion of the road end (33 ft') for a selling price of \$60,000.
- e. **Email – Paul Bouman, Ken Hulka, Mary O'Connor Shaw** – Email discussing Scenic Drive Paved Shoulders
- f. **Gale Cottage – response to Twp attorney's VRBO letter** – The owners have decided to comply with the ordinances and will be selling the property.
- g. **White Lake Association letter** – Looking for new Board Members for the WLA. Dock will be removed soon.
- h. **3350 Bard Rd – discharge hoses in ROW ditch – passed to Road Commission**
- i. **Ecology Station attendant** – Received 2 applications and interviews will be today, October 11. Ecology Station did have to be closed Saturday 10/9/22 due to bins being full caused by a learning curve with John Sorenson leaving. Will be open as planned this week.
- j. **GMED Meeting** – Supervisor Marcinkowski provided an updated list of ARPA projects that GMED has been working on.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

- a. **WLFA – Articles of Incorporation** – Supervisor Marcinkowski asked for any thoughts and suggestions regarding the proposed changes to be brought to next week's Regular Meeting so that the discussion can be reported to the WLFA Board. Supervisor Marcinkowski's resignation was accepted by the WLFA Board but other members that may have a conflict of interest did not resign.
- b. **Duck Lake Dune Cemetery – update – perimeter posts** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has ordered the posts and they will be picked up and installed.
- c. **New Community Center – location – polling station – events – Lorensen Rd south of the cemetery** – Clerk Fagan showed a current map of precincts and boundary lines and briefly explained how it all works and why this location would work well for a future precinct. Supervisor Marcinkowski discussed designating this location as a "future community center" via resolution to give this township owned property a designation and use for tax purposes.

- d. **Sarah Zielinski's abandoned vehicle** – Supervisor Marcinkowski will obtain title and transfer to My Auto for them to repair and then donate to a family in need.
- e. **Eagle Scout project – Devin Barbier** – The flagpole base was installed 10/7 and benches are due to arrive 10/11. Progress continues.
- f. **Exterior Library lockers** – Concrete pad and walkway need to be improved to support the library lockers. The cost of the project is starting to cost more than anticipated because of these improvements. The Board discussed looking for a new location that may not require so many improvements or finding a contractor that would be willing to donate some labor or materials. Clerk Fagan made a comment that any contractors we work with must have not only insurance, but also worker's compensation insurance.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. **Tree Removal – Cemetery, Township Hall, Nestrom Park, Community Center, White River Light Station** – Supervisor Marcinkowski suggested that the cost of the tree removal be reallocated from the ARPA Business Grants since there were no applicants for the Business Grants.
- b. **Water System Policy Board – Section 5 Mandatory Connection - additional draft language** – Supervisor Marcinkowski asked the Board to review this information to be accepted at the next meeting.
- c. **Jay Rd Paving Petition** – Currently they have signatures from 71% of parcel owners and the Muskegon County Road Commission is estimating \$208,000 including \$58,000 previously planned for gravel upgrades on Jay Rd.
- d. **Township Hall – 4-day work week** – The Board discussed whether there would be other options. Current staff would prefer 7:30am – 4:30pm or staying at five days per week. Clerk Fagan clarified that this was not a request from current staff, it was brought up because Muskegon Charter Township recently made the change.
- e. **Brush work Berry Junction Trail – White Lake Drive to Lakewood** – Supervisor Marcinkowski shared that there was some work that needed to be done that was being estimated at \$5,000. Over the weekend the work was done by the Snowmobile Association.
- f. **Resolution 2022-19 – Support for the Scenic Drive Safe Streets Initiative**
- g. **White Lake Fire Authority Board appointee** – James Konieczny to replace Brian Allred. Supervisor Marcinkowski recommends him because he feels he knows enough and will ask questions. Trustee Graham requested a current Year-To-Date expense report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were none.

**BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION** – Clerk Fagan gave updates regarding absentee ballots and the five different ballot styles for the November 8, 2022 election. South Shore Drive paving has been delayed again due to paving contractors being pulled off to focus on other projects. Trustee Graham asked about residents that are picking up trash in the ditches and if they can bring tires or trash somewhere that wouldn't cost money. Supervisor Marcinkowski will provide letters to anybody who is picking up tires or trash from the ditches to bring the items to the ecology station at no charge.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Clerk Fagan, second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the October 11, 2022 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:29 AM.

*Upon Voice Vote: 5 AYES – motion carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk  
Township of Fruitland