

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
October 3, 2022**

PRESENT: Commissioner Herb Huch, Commissioner Bob Murray, Commissioner Mark Beegle, Commissioner Lynn Knopf and Commissioner Carlet Mitenbuler.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: One interested party.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Huch called the meeting to order at 5:58p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to amend the October 3, 2022 agenda to include “Dedication of Sodini Field” to New Business.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

MINUTES: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Mark Beegle, *ADOPTED*, to accept the September 6, 2022 regular meeting minutes with a few changes discussed.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

RECEIPTS:
Chairman Huch reported no receipts for the month September 2022.

DISBURSEMENTS:
Chairperson Huch reported disbursements activity as \$3,250.00 to Dave Jarka for ball park irrigation, \$700.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms, \$5,700.00 to Randy Johnson for the new pump house, \$870.00 to Three Oaks Groundcover for playground mulch, and \$3,250.00 to Whitehall District Schools for Sports ‘N Shorts for total disbursements of \$13,770.00.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements in the amount of \$13,770.00.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Project updates

Commissioner Knopf stated that she has not been able to work on the trunk or treat due to a family illness, adding that she would like to add it to the budget for next year.

Chairman Huch changed tennis courts and tree trimming discussions.

2. Tennis courts

The commissioners again discussed different quotes and individuals that have come to look at the courts. Chairman Huch mentioned Benjamin Moore, adding that an individual was assigned to our job to further investigate and quote things. Commissioner Murray mentioned a quote he received for a post tension concrete court. The commissioners agreed that they are in favor of having pickleball courts, whatever way they go. The commissioners agreed to continue looking into different ideas and to wait for additional quotes before making a decision. Chairman Huch stated that he wants it done right.

3. Tree trimming

Chairman Huch mentioned an individual that would come in to take the trees out and would cut them flush with the ground, adding that he doesn't grind the stumps or do any chipping. He said that the Commission could transplant new trees. Chairman Huch also said that the trees by the tennis courts need to go, as well as other grubby ones throughout the park. Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that she doesn't agree with bringing in new trees, adding that trees already in the park will continue to grow more when others are cut. She also said that there isn't a way to maintain and water new trees. Commissioner Mitenbuler also said that she's not in favor of spending more money on trees if we are cutting some down. Commissioner Murray stated that a natural wind break is needed near the tennis courts. He also added that he would like the Commission to contact tree services as well because it is a lot harder to chip after the cutting is complete, and Commissioner Beegle agreed. Commissioner Knopf questioned if Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski has looked at the legality about donating in terms of giving the wood to an individual.

The commissioners agreed to have a work session in order to discuss trees in the park. Chairman Huch said that he wanted the commissioners to vote that they would cut down trees. Commissioner Murray stated that this seemed backwards, adding that he doesn't feel any motions should be made until the commissioners are able to discuss together which trees should be cut. Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield reminded the commissioners that a motion doesn't need to be made regarding cutting down trees due to tree maintenance being in their budget and that the Commission has already agreed that they need to further discuss the issue. Chairman Huch argued the fact and proceeded to make a motion regarding cutting down trees.

Motion by Herb Huch, no support, **FAILED**, to have trees removed from Nestrom Road Park.

NEW BUSINESS:**1. Dedication Sodini Field**

Chairman Huch stated that the dedication sign for the field is a 3x8 sign that is \$650.00. The commissioners discussed placement of the sign and agreed the backstop is the best place. The commissioners also agreed that they would have to determine where the cost of the sign would come from in the budget.

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Herb Huch, **ADOPTED**, to dedicate the baseball field as Sodini Field to later determine where the money will come from to pay for the sign.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Huch mentioned Oak Wilt which prompted the commissioners to discuss the issue together. They also discussed other diseases in and around the park that will end up killing trees within Nestrom Road Park.

Chairman Huch stated that there is no big hurry on stuff but that the commissioners need to make decisions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the October 3, 2022 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:58 PM.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary