

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2023 MINUTES**

****THE AUDIO FOR THE JANUARY 9, 2023 WORK SESSION IS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO TECHNOLOGY ISSUES. THESE MINUTES WERE WRITTEN FROM BOARD NOTES TAKEN DURING THE MEETING****

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

ABSENT - Clerk Fagan

ALSO PRESENT – (4) Four interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the January 9, 2023, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Jeske, second by Trustee Holman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended January 9, 2023 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: **6 AYES – motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Terrie Hampel, 6171 Duck Lake Rd – Spoke about the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails walkabout on February 4th as well as information about an upcoming meeting at Montague Township regarding a solar farm.

PRESENTATIONS -

- a. **Park Commission – 1/3 meeting update** – Chairman Murray reported that the Parks Commission meeting focused on the upcoming year budget. They are looking into food vendors and still working on ball field signs. They are working with Viridis to develop a site plan for the Spark Grant.
- b. **Dave Rice – Spark Grant/DCNA and FTTT updates** – The Friends of Fruitland Township Trails has been busy getting information together for the DNR Trust Fund Grant and the Spark Grant. They have been working with EGLE, Journey Construction and other engineers to get plans put together. He asked that money received for the tree harvesting being done in the DCNA to be allocated for the DCNA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **Meeting 1/6 with Matt Varnum and Viridis Group at WRLS** – SPLKA is considering adding an observation deck at the WRLS.

- b. Letter to DNR – Duck Lake State Park** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has put together a letter to the DNR to ask that Fruitland Township gain control of Duck Lake State Park if it is ever disposed of by the DNR. The Board approved the letter if the wording is changed to say Fruitland Township would like the option to assume ownership.
- c. Scenic Drive Safe Streets Initiative – joint RFP with Laketon Twp** – Laketon Township Supervisor Kim Arter will present to the Laketon Township Board in January.
- d. Email – Chris Cross - December Senior Services Snow Plowing Report**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Budget work 2023-2024 begins** – Supervisor Marcinkowski has been working on the upcoming budget and shared some of his initial numbers for salaries and increases in areas like utilities and postage. The Board discussed the ecology station prices and ARPA funds.
- b. Old Dump at Transfer Station** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is still working on determining if the old dump has been remediated and has been in contact with EGLE.
- c. Observation Deck – WRLS – ARPA Funds** – The Board discussed using ARPA funds towards the cost of the observation deck at the WRLS. It was noted that a previous deck was dismantled because of the view from the water.
- d. WLFA Board appointee selection** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is looking for more applicants. The last applicant has immediate family working for the WLFA.
- e. Planning Commission recommendation – Special Land Use Permit** – Trustee Holman shared that a Special Land Use permit had been approved for a resident on Bittersweet to have a group child care home in her house. The Board will need to make a final determination.
- f. January and February Regular Meeting Times** – The next two regular meetings are on Tuesdays due to holidays. Supervisor Marcinkowski has WLFA Board meetings those Tuesdays at 7pm. The Board agreed to move the meetings to 5pm to accommodate.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

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BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Trustee Graham asked if there was a place we could put packet information where it could be accessed by everyone. Supervisor Marcinkowski shared that there will be a yoga class held at the township hall on 1/20/23 and 2/17/23 at 10 am and all are invited to attend. There is a meeting being held at Montague Highschool Cafeteria to discuss a solar farm being considered in White River Township.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Jeske, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the January 9, 2023 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:45 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland