

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
January 3, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Bob Murray, Commissioner Lynn Knopf and Commissioner Carlet Mitenbuler.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Mark Beegle.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Two interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to accept the January 3, 2023 agenda as written.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to accept the December 5, 2022 regular meeting minutes as written.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Dave Rice, 4047 Nestrom Road – asked about the green slime on Duck Lake and asked if it was going to come back.

**RECEIPTS:**

None.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$1,640.00 to AAA Fence for repairs and \$1,950.00 to Jelinek Tree Service, LLC for tree removal for total disbursements of \$5,390.00.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler,  
**ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements in the amount of \$5,390.00.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY**

**Roll Call Vote: Knopf-Aye, Mitenbuler-Aye, Murray-Aye**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Gary Kozicki tree presentation**

Mr. Kozicki stated that he does commercial logging, adding what work he's been completing throughout the Township. He stated that he looked at the newly acquired property for the Parks and Recreation, adding that he's not sure where the park would be located but stated that they might consider thinning out approximately 90% where the parks would go. He explained the process and the determination of costs.

Commissioner Lynn Knopf mentioned that she's noticed a lot of trees along Duck Lake Road changing and dying, asking if it's due to the weather. Mr. Kozicki responded that is part of it, but also mentioned tree diseases that are affecting the area.

Chairman Murray asked if Mr. Kozicki would take the dead trees. Mr. Kozicki replied that he would, but they can only be used for certain things and would have to be within a certain time frame.

Chairman Murray mentioned that the Township is bringing in quite a bit of money on the properties Mr. Kozicki is currently working on, adding that the Commission could use the money they will potentially bring in to enhance the park by purchasing things like benches.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Current budget/project updates**

Chairman Murray informed the commissioners that Korthase has installed the wiring and GFCI outlet, adding that everything is now up to code.

Chairman Murray mentioned that he spoke to Signs by Brian Homfeld, LLC, in regards to the signs that will be printed for the baseball field. Chairman Murray said that Mr. Homfeld would bring the price down for purchasing two signs, which would total \$1,180.00 for two. He also mentioned that since the signs are large in size, it would take at least four people to install them, so Mr. Homfeld included a price for labor and installation of \$340.00. Chairman Murray stated that he thinks this is a smart idea, adding that the Commission could request the new amount to be taken out of the specialty fund.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to approve the new estimate of \$1,520.00 for two signs and installation to come out of the specialty fund.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY**

**2. 2023/2024 budget**

Chairman Murray mentioned possibly adding a few work sessions and specialty meetings to the budget.

Commissioner Murray asked about a quote for the portable restrooms, and Commissioner Knopf stated that she is waiting to receive the quote. She said that she's looked into other possible vendors,

but Kerkstra is the best vendor for the area. Commissioner Knopf also added that she will be getting the quote for Sports 'N Shorts before next week Monday.

The commissioners agreed to put \$750.00 into the budget for paint and supplies for the dugouts. In terms of contracting for Nestrom Road Park, Chairman Murray suggested including \$3,000.00 in the budget for possible field maintenance and \$1,000.00 for supplies. The commissioners discussed possibly hiring a firm to care for and maintain the field.

Chairman Murray suggested leaving in the items that the Commission is looking to receive grants for in case they fall through, and the other commissioners agreed. The commissioners also agreed to include \$10,000.00 for concrete in capital improvements for sidewalks around the playground and in the park.

Commissioner Knopf asked about possibly adding small child playground equipment at Nestrom Road Park, and Chairman Murray suggested possibly looking into new small child equipment at Marcus Park. The commissioners agreed.

The commissioners discussed adding a station for story time during the trunk or treat event.

Chairman Murray said that John McCann has started work on the site plan for the Spark grant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Knopf commented on the algae bloom at Marcus Park stating that a sample was analyzed and it is a harmful bloom and all contact should be avoided. She added that it will likely come back and the public has to be vigilant about information and education. Commissioner Knopf added that an individual is looking into having Duck Lake added to the list for routine testing.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the January 3, 2023 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:19 PM.

***3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY***

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary