

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
February 6, 2023**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Three interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to accept the February 6, 2023 agenda as written.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to accept the January 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**RECEIPTS:**

None.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$5,500.00 to Yoder's Construction for repairs to the dugouts for total disbursements of \$5,500.00.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler,  
**ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements in the amount of \$5,500.00.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Update on Spark Grant**

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rules of Order to have open discussion regarding the Spark Grant with the individuals in attendance.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY**

Glenn William, a resident of the Township, introduced himself and spoke to the commissioners about his pickleball knowledge and knowledge of the Spark Grant. He also included information about how he helped local municipalities with these two things. Mr. William told the commissioners that he is available to help them in any way that he can.

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to resume Roberts Rules of Order.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY**

The commissioners discussed the site plan that was created by Viridis. The commissioners all agreed that the site plan look fantastic. Commissioner Knopf did notice that the second stairway that goes to the beach is not shown on the site plan, adding that the Commission needs to have it added.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to approve the site plan for the Spark Grant with the addition of the second stairway.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY**

Chairman Murray mentioned to the commissioners that working with an outside entity helps with the submission and approval of the Spark Grant, so he added that he would like to work with the White Lake Community Grant to propose putting in one sand volleyball court with the grant.

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to pursue the White Lake Community Grant.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY**

**2. Duck Lake Road Park status**

Chairman Murray told the commissioners that the Township Board asked him and the other commissioners to consider turning Duck Lake Road Park over to the Township to be able absorb it into the 300-acre parcel that is now the Duck Creek Natural Area. Commissioner Knopf said that she thinks the Commission should stay the course or put the vote of doing so to the people.

Commissioner Beegle agreed saying that the Commission should hang onto the property, adding that nobody knows what could happen in the future. Commissioner Mitenbuler agreed with both of them. Commissioner Knopf also stated that she doesn't feel it's ethical to do, adding that she knows

Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski's heart is in the right place but she doesn't feel right about doing this, and that it would be a violation of public trust. Commissioner Beegle said that he thinks the commission should fight to hang onto what they have. Chairman Murray said that he thinks the Commission needs to do everything they can at Nestrom Road Park as the top priority and then Marcus Park as the second priority. The commissioners discussed not making any decisions regarding Duck Lake Road Park.

### **3. Current budget/project updates**

Chairman Murray stated that he talked with Signs by Brian Homfeld, LLC and ordered the two signs for the backstop. He suggested putting the signs in early to mid-March since the fiscal year ends at the end of March. He added that he would still like to have a dedication and the other commissioners agreed.

Chairman Murray informed the group that he met again with Korthase in regards to the electrical work they completed, adding that they had one of their top electricians check the work before having the Township's electrical inspector check it.

### **4. 2023/2024 budget**

The commissioners discussed items on the upcoming budget. Commissioner Beegle suggested another portable restroom company to reach out to for pricing.

The commissioners discussed a few small changes that needed to be made or updated, and Chairman Murray will be bringing those to the Township Board.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dave Rice, 4047 Nestrom Road – invited the commissioners to the open house/public input session taking place on Thursday at the Township Hall. He stated that he will be doing a power point presentation and will cover many things the commissioners have questions about and what the group is trying to accomplish.

### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Beegle stated that he likes the site plan that was created for the park, adding that it was a long time coming for these projects to take place.

Commissioner Knopf stated that it's a nice compromise, adding that there are a lot of nice uses without degrading the park.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the February 6, 2023 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:20 PM.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary