

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

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Four interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the May 3, 2023 agenda with amendments to include painting of the dugouts and baseball updates.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the April 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written.

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

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to be able to communicate with interested candidates for the vacant seat.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Sondra Cross, 6450 Zeller Road – introduced herself and told the commissioners of her interest in the vacant seat on the Commission. Added experience related to the position.

Commissioner Knopf arrived at 6:08p.m.

Chairman Murray stated that the Commission isn't responsible for filling the vacancy but that the Township Board decides and wished the interested candidates luck.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to resumes Robert's Rules of Order.

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

**RECEIPTS:**

Chairman Murray reported receipt activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$300.00 for the month of April, 2023.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$210.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms for total disbursements of \$210.00.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$300.00 for pavilion rentals and to pay total disbursements in the amount of \$210.00.

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Sports N Shorts**

Chairman Murray reported that Sports N Shorts will take place July 10<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:45a.m. to 12:15p.m. and will take place Monday to Thursday each week. The pavilion has been reserved for them at the Township Hall.

**2. Plaque for baseball field/dedication ceremony**

Chairman Murray showed the commissioners the proposed plaque to be made for the baseball field, adding that it will be \$450.00 for an 8x10 plaque.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to approve the purchase of the plaque for the baseball field in the amount of \$450.00.

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

The commissioners agreed that the dedication ceremony will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> as part of their meeting. Commissioner Mitenbuler will be contacting the White Lake Beacon for them to be present.

**3. Baseball field maintenance proposal**

Chairman Murray stated that he contacted three companies for quotes on the services and two of them never got back with him. He said that All In Property Services came in at \$4,514.86. The commissioners discussed using the \$1,000.00 from the budget for diamond dust and \$250.00 from sprinkler heads to cover the rest of the cost.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the quote from All In Property Services.

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

#### **4. Grant updates**

Chairman Murray said that the first quote came in huge so the plan for the Spark Grant was broken into two phases. The plan doesn't include restrooms, and the commissioners agreed that the first phase should include the restrooms. Chairman Murray said that he's not sure on the date for submission, and Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield said that Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski told her the date is in June.

Chairman Murray also added that the White Lake Community grant was denied for the Commission to put in sand volleyball. He added that the Commission originally asked the Township Board to consider ARPA funds for the court. Chairman Murray and the commissioners agreed that they will do so again since their grant submission was denied.

#### **5. Painting dugouts**

Chairman Murray reported that he got figures from both Lowe's and Home Depot for the items needed to paint the dugouts. The commissioners agreed that it would be better to purchase the items from Lowe's since the Township has an account with them and they would receive a discount.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to purchase the dugout paint and supplies for no more than \$500.00.

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

#### **6. Baseball updates**

Chairman Murray said that the North Muskegon Youth Baseball League has a new president by the name of Josh Sylvis. Chairman Murray has helped them to get their supplies into the supply room so they have access and storage.

There has been interest from other groups for using the baseball field, as well as the soccer field. The commissioners agreed that it's exciting to see the interest.

#### **7. Future projects**

Commissioner Knopf stated that she polled parents on local forums regarding the event, and she said that almost all of the individuals that responded said that they would want the event on the weekend before Halloween. She also added that she would like to do a time slot earlier in the day.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Dave Sodini, did not give address – offered help from himself and his family with the painting of the dugouts. He also thanked the commissioners for dedicating the baseball field to his father and recognizing him for all his hard work in previous years.

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

Commissioner Mitenbuler thanked Commissioner Knopf for putting information out regarding the Trunk or Treat event. He also thanked the audience for their attendance.

Commissioner Knopf apologized for arriving late. She also informed everyone about the vacancy at the lighthouse.

Commissioner Beegle thanked the audience for their attendance.

Chairman Murray thanked the audience for attending and wished them luck.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the May 3, 2023 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:06 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary