

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
June 5, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Bob Murray, Commissioner Carlet Mitenbuler, Commissioner Mark Beegle and Commissioner Katy Bradford.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Lynn Knopf.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Two interested parties.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to amend the June 5, 2023 agenda with an amendment to include Spark grant updates.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the May 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes with one change.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None.

**RECEIPTS:**

Chairman Murray reported receipt activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$240.00 for the month of May, 2023.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$685.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms and \$169.31 to TruGreen for fertilizer for total disbursements of \$854.31.

Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Katy Bradford, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$240.00 for pavilion rentals and to pay total disbursements in the amount of \$854.31.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **1. Sodini Field dedication**

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rules of Order to complete the dedication of the field.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

Chairman Murray made a speech dedicating the field as Sodini Field. Many members of the family were present, and Pete Sodini's son, Dave, also spoke and thanked the Township and the Parks and Recreation Commission for their help in making the dedication happen. The commissioners stayed for a few minutes after the dedication to speak with family members.

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to resume Roberts Rules of Order.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

### **2. Volunteer projects**

Chairman Murray stated that the boot cleaning station is in and complete. He added that the students that put the cleaning station in also completed some park clean up and looked for invasive species throughout the park.

Chairman Murray said that a group of volunteers, Catholic Heart Work Camp, will be coming to the park to volunteer June 19-22. He added that this is a group of 6-7 high school students and adults that do community service projects. Some ideas for the group are weeding and doing mulch around the Township Hall and the area behind the building that has been neglected, raking up branches throughout the park, sweeping and weeding the tennis courts, cleaning the stairways, cleaning the floors of the pavilions of debris, painting the tables in the pavilions and at the beach, cleaning up the beach area, cleaning and painting the dugouts, cleaning out the grills that are hardly ever cleaned, and fixing fence ties. Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that the pavilions are supposed to be cleaned out by the maintenance staff. Chairman Murray also stated that Supervisor Marcinkowski suggested having the group stain the picnic shelters.

### **3. Spraying**

Chairman Murray reported that the gypsy moth spraying was completed. He also added that due to the time sensitivity of getting the park sprayed for mosquitos, he did a polling of the commissioners to get the okay and it has been completed. The mosquito spray was completed around the Township Hall and the field area from the road to the playground and pavilions. They will be spraying another application in three weeks.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept spraying of mosquitos and future spraying in three weeks.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

Chairman Murray stated that the Township will be getting the spraying done for woolly adelgid for free through a grant.

#### **4. Baseball update**

Chairman Murray said that it has been great to work with the North Muskegon Youth Baseball league as well as Josh Sylvas, the president. He added that the group gave a \$500.00 donation to the Commission for renovations on the field.

In terms of updates to the field, Chairman Murray said that he hasn't been hearing back from All In Property Services, which has him a bit concerned. He said he is going to continue reaching out to them.

Chairman Murray also said that there has been an issue with outside individuals having the code to the lock box to be able to get in to get the chalk and scoreboard controller. There was a weekend that someone got the scoreboard controller out and left it outside overnight. Chairman Murray said that after the season is over, he will be changing the code. He said that North Muskegon is almost done with their season, and Sports Academy plays into August. Chairman Murray mentioned that he doesn't believe the outfield is getting proper watering, so he has reached out to Dave Jarka about the issue.

#### **5. Future projects**

Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that she spoke to some individuals about Trunk or Treat and she is now very excited for the event. She said she was able to get a better understanding for how they work and she looks forward to the Commission putting the event together. The commissioners discussed different ideas for the event and said that planning needs to get started as soon as possible.

#### **6. Spark grant update**

Chairman Murray said that the Commission's proposal is now under \$1 million. Phase one of the park project includes the installation of restrooms, four pickleball courts with post tension concrete, and all sidewalks that will be ADA compliant. The application will be submitted this month.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

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

Commissioner Beegle stated that the Sodini Field dedication went well. He also welcomed new commissioner, Katy Bradford.

Chairman Murray also welcomed commissioner Katy Bradford.

Commissioner Mitenbuler also welcomed commissioner Katy Bradford. She also thanked the remaining audience member for his attendance. Commissioner Mitenbuler reiterated that she is excited for the Trunk or Treat event and she's also excited for the volunteer group to come to the park.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Mark Beegle, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the June 5, 2023 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:39 PM.

***4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT***

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary

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