

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

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Carlet Mitenbuler and Commissioner Katy Bradford.

**ALSO PRESENT:** One interested party.

**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 Mark Beegle, *ADOPTED*, to accept the July 3, 2023 agenda as written.

*3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT*

**MINUTES:** Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to accept the June 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written.

*3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**RECEIPTS:**

Chairman Murray reported receipt activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$90.00 for the month of June, 2023.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$100.00 to American Athletic for the bleacher inspection, \$368.50 to Fleis & Vandenbrink for engineering of the site plan for the Spark Grant, \$1,644.50 to Hatfield for gypsy moth spraying, \$685.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms, \$487.96 to Lowe's for dugout paint and supplies, \$333.00 to Mosquito Joe of Muskegon for mosquito spray in Nestrom Road Park, and \$66.50 to TruGreen for fertilizer for total disbursements of \$3,685.46.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$90.00 for pavilion rentals and to pay total disbursements in the amount of \$3,685.46.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT**

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Volunteer project update – Catholic Heart Work Camp**

Chairman Murray commented on what a great group the volunteers were. He said they were very hard working and eager to work. Chairman Murray stated that items completed include the painting of both pavilions, the dugouts, the installation of the plaque for the baseball field dedication, leaves and limbs on the stairs were removed, limbs were picked up throughout the park, the front flower beds of the Township Hall were weeded and mulch was laid, the dead electrical wire by the pumphouse has been removed, and the tables under the pavilions were scrubbed.

Chairman Murray mentioned that because the Commission never voted to approve the work, he got the okay via email and needed to ratify it at the meeting.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to ratify and okay the approval of the work by the volunteer group.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT**

##### **2. Marcus Park portable restroom**

Chairman Murray asked about the damage to the portable restroom. Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield stated that she saw the pictures of the damage and added that it wasn't nearly as bad as what was mentioned on the phone when they called. Chairman Murray asked the commissioners if they'd like to remove the portable restroom, and Commissioner Knopf stated that she would hate to pull it with it being the first time being damaged, not knowing if it will happen again. She also mentioned possibly putting a trail cam near it. Commissioner Beegle stated that he doesn't think a trail cam will work. The commissioners agreed to leave the restroom in place for now.

##### **3. Baseball update**

Chairman Murray said that he attended the championship game, adding that the local team won. He said that in terms of irrigation to the portion of the field that needs it, he hasn't been able to get in touch with Dave Jarka who completed the work that was recently done. Chairman Murray stated that Maintenance Supervisor Arron Ferris will be trying to complete it.

##### **4. Spark Grant update**

Chairman Murray stated that the grant application was completed and turned in.

##### **5. Soccer net replacement**

Chairman Murray asked the commissioners their thoughts on replacing the soccer nets. Commissioner Knopf stated that if it's in the budget, the Commission should purchase them. Commissioner Beegle agreed. Chairman Murray asked if they should purchase one or two, and Commissioner Beegle stated that they should purchase two, and put both of the new nets up and use the current net that's in good condition for an extra so that the newest net doesn't sit and potentially have issues.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to purchase two nets from Sports Facility Group for \$150.00 each.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT**

**6. Future projects**

Chairman Murray said he wished Commissioner Bradford was in attendance, as she wanted to discuss the possibility of a dog park in the Township.

Commissioner Knopf stated that she talked with a member of the White Lake Fire Authority and he said they would be happy to attend the trunk or treat event.

Chairman Murray stated that he would like the commissioners to consider replacing the fabric on the backstops sometime in the future as it's in bad shape. He also stated that Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski gave him a few ideas for things in the park, such as potential outdoor ping pong tables and cornhole, but the commissioners agreed that they weren't sure they were a good idea at this point.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Janet Nedeau, 5744 Murray Road – commented that the Township needs to look into a fenced in area for dogs. She added that they could consider having it be an Eagle Scout project.

Commissioner Knopf stated that she was concerned about disease, waste, and possible fighting amongst the animals. She said that the Commission will want to make sure they do things right if they include a dog park in the Township.

Chairman Murray asked what she would like to see in terms of the dog park, and Janet Nedeau stated that she would just like to see a fenced in area where dogs can run.

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

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT**

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Beegle stated that he thinks the dog park is a good idea but that it needs to be a long, thought out project that the Commission puts a lot of thought into.

Chairman Murray thanked the audience member for attending before a holiday.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the July 3, 2023 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:04 PM.

***3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT***

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary