

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

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 5:59p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Katy Bradford, *ADOPTED*, to amend the September 5, 2023 agenda to include spark grant update under “Unfinished Business.”

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

MINUTES: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, *ADOPTED*, to accept the August 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes as with a change.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

There were no receipts for the month of August 2023.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$1,255.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms, and \$450.00 to Signs by Brian Homfeld LLC for the plaque for the baseball field for total disbursements of \$1,705.00.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler,
ADOPTED, to pay total disbursements in the amount of \$1,705.00.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Hemlock treatment update

Chairman Murray reported that the treatment has been completed.

2. Trunk or Treat update

The date has been set for the Trunk or Treat event at the Township. It will take place on Saturday, October 28th from 6:00-8:00p.m.

3. Baseball field renovation update

Chairman Murray reported that he did get some information and would like to complete the project in late summer or early fall.

4. Future projects

Chairman Murray mentioned that he had the individual come to his personal property with the forestry mulcher adding that it went really well and did a wonderful job. He added that it may be a good idea to use it in the walking trails in the park. Commissioner Knopf asked if it would be possible to do a 5K in the park once it's complete, and the commissioners discussed looking into the idea.

Commissioner Bradford mentioned that she was approached by some individuals that work on the Blueberry Festival, and it was asked if the Commission would be interested in potentially taking over the event. The commissioners discussed the idea and said it would be something that would need much discussion and consideration.

The commissioners also agreed that the idea of lighting the pavilions needs to happen.

5. Spark grant

Chairman Murray stated that the commission will know at the end of September whether or not they were awarded any money from the Spark grant. He added that only 7% of those that applied will get funding. The commissioners agreed that they could go after other grants if they don't get any of the Spark grant, adding that the flush restrooms need to be a priority.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2024-2025 budget

The commissioners discussed ideas to include in the upcoming budget including material for the playground floor, trail mulching, sand volleyball, mosquito control, tree maintenance, trash cans, backstop/fencing, and possibly pickleball. The commissioners will continue to discuss ideas for the upcoming projects and items for the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Beegle stated that it sounds like the Spark grant is a long shut but the Commission will keep working.

Chairman Murray stated that he's excited about the Trunk or Treat event.

Commissioner Mitenbuler agreed that she's excited for the Trunk or Treat event as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Mark Beegle, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the September 5, 2023 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:150 PM.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary