

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
October 2, 2023**

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

ABSENT: None.

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 Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, *ADOPTED*, to accept the October 2, 2023 agenda as written.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

MINUTES: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Katy Bradford, *ADOPTED*, to accept the September 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes as written.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Matthew Johnson, 2936 Nestrom Road – commented on a neighbor to the Nestrom Road end harassing him when he’s using the property. Mentioned and read a portion of a police report that was filed.

Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to suspend Roberts Rules of Order, to discuss the situation with Mr. Johnson.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

The commissioners spoke with Mr. Johnson regarding the issue and told him his best option is to speak with the Township Board.

Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second by Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to resume Roberts Rules of Order.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

RECEIPTS:

There were no receipts for the month of September 2023.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$680.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms, \$300.00 to Shelby State Bank for soccer nets, and \$600.00 to Viridis for the site plan of Nestrom Road Park for total disbursements of \$1,580.00.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements in the amount of \$1,580.00.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Trunk or Treat update

Commissioners Knopf and Bradford reported that the details have been ironed out but that more trunks are needed. Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield suggested asking the Township Supervisor to have the information sent out via E-News in order to reach approximately 700 more people in the Township, and the commissioners agreed that would be a good idea.

2. Baseball field renovation update

Chairman Murray informed the commissioners that the work will be starting next week.

3. Spark grant

Chairman Murray said that although the money for the grant was supposed to be awarded by the end of September, they are still deciding how to award the money. He told the commissioners that he would share the information as soon as he finds out.

4. Tree trimming

Chairman Murray stated that no other quotes came in, and because the Township Board is going to have Jelinek do tree trimming on the Township portion of the property, it makes sense for the Commission to use them as well. The commissioners agreed.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the bid for tree trimming for 20 trees and the removal of the dead hemlock for a total of \$2,700.00.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

5. 2024-2025 budget

The commissioners discussed items for the upcoming budget. The ideas include lights out at the pavilions, wood fiber for the playground floor for \$1,000.00, trail grooming for \$2,000.00, two sand volleyball courts for \$24,000.00, three mosquito applications for \$537.00, addition trash cans

throughout the park, portable restrooms with an increase to five regular and one handicap in Nestrom Road Park and one regular at Marcus Park, and Sports 'N Shorts. Commissioner Knopf questioned having any time of park event, nature walk, or lessons for pickleball. The commissioners discussed ideas such as pickleball lessons and possible stand-up paddleboard lessons. They will get more information on these items. Commissioner Bradford suggested some kind of senior program. Commissioner Knopf stated that even a crafting day would be fun.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Matthew Johnson, 2936 Nestrom Road – mentioned that a bluegrass music festival of some sort might be a fun idea for a park event because it's very popular. Thanked the commissioners for responding to his concerns regarding Nestrom Road end.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Beegle stated that they commissioners have good ideas for future projects.

Commissioner Knopf stated that she is excited about the upcoming Trunk or Treat event.

Chairman Murray stated that he's also excited about the Trunk or Treat event and thanked the committee working on it as well.

Commissioner Knopf thanked Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield for her work in getting the information on the website and creating the park information and events page.

Commissioner Mitenbuler thanked the audience for attending.

Commissioner Bradford echoed what everyone else stated.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the October 2, 2023 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:49 PM.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary