

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
February 5, 2024**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Katy Bradford.

ALSO PRESENT: One interested party.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 6:11p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, *ADOPTED*, to accept the February 5, 2024 agenda as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, *ADOPTED*, to accept the January 3, 2024 minutes with one small change.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

There were no receipts for the month of January 2024.

DISBURSEMENTS:

There were no disbursements for the month of January 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. 2024-2025 budget

Chairman Murray asked the commissioners if there is anything else they'd like to request in the budget before it is submitted. Everyone was happy with the proposed budget.

2. Easter event

Chairman Murray stated that with the request from Commissioner Bradford to offer to give some money for the event, he spoke to Clerk Breann Fagan and there is money leftover in the current budget that the Commission could use. The commissioners agreed to use the money from the current budget rather than requesting the funds from the Specialty Funds.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to use \$100.00 from the soccer nets and \$150.00 from Printing and Publishing to pay \$250.00 for the Easter event.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

3. Restrooms

Chairman Murray asked Commissioner Beegle what he thought would be a good suggestion as far as the costs for the restrooms and septic system. Commissioner Beegle stated that he believes the job could be completed for approximately \$100,000.00 with the septic system. The commissioners discussed ideas for what they would like included in the restrooms.

4. Tennis court/pickleball update

Chairman Murray stated that he received a quote of \$148,995.00 for the job. He reminded the commissioners that there is still \$60,000.00 set aside for the job.

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, that if the Commission gets the funding for the tennis courts to be redone, they do it with one tennis court and four pickleball courts instead of two tennis courts.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Chairman Murray stated that he also received a quote for asphalt for the roadway and to pave the parking lot. The roadway would be \$86,995.00 and the parking lot would be \$26,000.00. He stated that the goal is to try to roll this into the Township roadway budget.

5. Sports 'N Shorts

Commissioner Knopf reported that the Commission could increase the budget to \$4,500.00 for 40 kids at the site, or \$5,500.00 to have 55 kids at the site. The commissioners agreed to start by increasing to 40 kids.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to increase the budget to \$4,500.00 for Sports 'N Shorts to enroll 40 kids.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

6. Volleyball

The commissioners discussed the volleyball net system they would purchase for the future volleyball area, also adding that they would move the court to across from the parking lots. The commissioners agreed to put \$1,200.00 into the budget for volleyball.

7. Baseball update

Chairman Murray stated that he wasn't hearing back from Jeremy Loyselle and Jim Colbert and ended up contacting the High School Varsity Coach. He added that Mr. Loyselle and Mr. Colbert

were speaking out of turn. Chairman Murray reported that the coach told him they don't plan to play games at Nestrom Road Park, but rather plan to use the field for practices. He also said that the program would like to rent the field, adding that the Athletic Director is drafting up an agreement to do so and pay to recoup some of the costs for the restrooms.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to have open dialog with Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3767 Jay Road – stated that he contacted Winberg Construction about making a print for the restrooms at Nestrom Road Park to put it out for bid. He discussed with the commissioners ideas for the restrooms, including that there should be two urinals and one handicap stall in the men's restroom, and two regular stalls and one handicap stall in the women's restroom. He proposed that the money come from the specialty fund.

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

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Beegle stated that he's happy with the plan for the restrooms and the volleyball court.

Commissioner Knopf stated that she is doing another craft event. She added that she would like to offer one week night event and one weekend event.

Chairman Murray stated that he's excited about the discussions and the future projects that will be taking place, especially the road and volleyball. He said that he's excited to see these projects come to fruition. Chairman Murray stated that he loves Commissioner Knopf's idea of the reduced cost tennis court to gauge the interest in the park.

Commissioner Mitenbuler thanked Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski for his help.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the February 5, 2024 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:16 PM.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary