

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
May 8, 2024**

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, *ADOPTED*, to accept the May 8, 2024 agenda as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

MINUTES: April minutes will be approved at the June 2024 meeting.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

Chairman Murray reported receipt activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$270.00 for the month of April, 2024.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$250.00 to Kerkstra for two portable restrooms for total disbursements of \$250.00.

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to accept receipts in the amount of \$270.00 for pavilion rentals and to pay disbursements in the amount of \$250.00.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Programs committee/movie night

Commissioner Mitenbuler agreed to be on the committee. Chairman Murray mentioned a few organizations that could come in to do the movie night. Commissioners Knopf and Mitenbuler will be contacting the organizations for information and pricing. The commissioners also discussed other ideas for potential events.

2. Baseball updates

Chairman Murray reported that there is a pole that wasn't moved when the fence was moved, so he took care of it. He added that the fence capping needs to be placed back on the fence. Chairman Murray also shared an agreement that Clerk Breann Fagan found, adding that the commissioners should look it over to see if it is something they would be interested in using moving forward.

3. Catholic Heart Work Camp ideas

Chairman Murray stated that one idea for the group would be weeding and doing work around the hall. He added that it might be a good idea to have them work on the split rail fence by the parking lot to replace it. Chairman Murray also added that it might be a good idea to have them potentially map out new trails and loops in the trail system down below. Other ideas that were mentioned were to collect down branches, placing the capping on the fence, putting up the soccer nets, and pulling invasives at Nestrom Road Park and Marcus Park.

4. Marcus Park bike rack

The commissioners agreed that they are going to pull the bike rack out and place it outside the signs. Commissioner Beegle will be doing this.

5. Tennis/pickleball updates/rules

Chairman Murray stated that the poles are gone and recycled, adding that himself and Maintenance Supervisor Arron Ferris did the work. He said that the grinding of the courts should be done any time.

Chairman Murray shared a copy of some rules and regulations for another area that has pickleball courts, and Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield stated that she could recreate the sign and flyer for the commission.

Chairman Murray also suggested purchasing a paddle rack for the pickleball court. He found one for \$150.00. The commissioners agreed this would be a good idea.

6. Temporary roadway update

Chairman Murray and Commissioner Beegle are going to get together to look at the South side of the park for the roadway. It was suggested to potentially use this area for additional trails.

7. Trail mulching quotes

Chairman Murray shared quotes he received for the trail mulching. One was from KNM Services for \$1,800.00 per day and the other was from Great Lakes Tree Services for \$3,080.00 per day.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to hire KNM Services for forestry mulching in the amount of \$1,800.00 per day.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

8. Volleyball quotes

Chairman Murray shared quotes he found for the volleyball equipment, some of which are on back order. The commissioners decided to purchase the nets from the company that they can get them from the soonest while still being within budget.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to purchase the volleyball equipment from Sheilds for \$1,029.99 with tax.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

9. Pavilion lighting

Quotes are needed for the work on the pavilions. The commissioners are working to receive them.

10. Playground mulch

Chairman Murray stated that the mulch will be put in the middle of June.

11. Restrooms

Chairman Murray stated that they are at the point of engineered drawings. Concept Design Studio will be doing this for \$7,500.00.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to approve Concept Design Studio to do the engineered drawings of the restrooms for \$7,500.00 and the Commission will take it to the Township Board.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

Beegle-Aye, Knopf-Aye, Murray-Aye, Mitenbuler-Aye

12. Kayak launches

Chairman Murray presented a floating dock system idea for Marcus Park that could stay in all year round. He also discussed roll out mats for handicap access. Commissioner Mitenbuler voiced her concern about adding additional amenities to the park when they haven't taken care of the parking issue. Chairman Murray stated that Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski is still pushing for the land swap. Commissioner Beegle agreed with Commissioner Mitenbuler. The commissioners all agreed they like the idea of the handicap accessibility and the floating dock, but agreed that parking is a concern and needs to be considered first.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to approach the board with liking the idea of the fishing platform/kayak launch and handicap accessibility but are concerned about parking and can't move forward until that's figured out.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Beegle stated that it was a good meeting.

Commissioner Knopf stated that she appreciates of the work that Chairman Murray puts in.

Chairman Murray stated that he appreciates former Commissioner Katy Bradford and all of her work she put in on the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Mark Beegle, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the May 8, 2024 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:45 PM.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary