

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
June 7, 2010**

PRESENT: Chairman Jim Duncan, Commissioners Laura Shields, Jeff Marcinkowski, Steve Urban, and Roger Missimer

ALSO PRESENT: Curator McDonnell and twenty nine (29) interested parties

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Roger Missimer, *ADOPTED*, to accept the June 7, 2010 meeting agenda as written.
5 AYES, 0 NAYS
Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Duncan-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Missimer-Aye

MINUTES: Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Steve Urban, *ADOPTED*, to accept the March 5, 2010 work session minutes and the April 5, 2010 regular meeting minutes as submitted. *4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTAIN*
Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Duncan-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Missimer-Abstain

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chuck Miller, 5756 Duck Lake Road – expressed his concerns regarding the Marcus Park situation on behalf of the Duck Lake Riparian Owners Association Board. He submitted his written comments and they will be placed on file.

Helen Fink, 415 Division – expressed how important the White River Light Station is to bed and breakfast owners in the area.

Paul Bolde, 5176 South Shore Drive – expressed his concerns with the budget and the White River Light Station issues.

Nancy Lilly, 6039 Murray Road – explained that the community had to come together to save the lighthouse many years ago and they can do it again now. She believes it is up to the Parks and Recreation Commission to find a way to save the lighthouse.

Betsy Grein, 5780 Oak Tree Lane – expressed her concerns with the museum and its budget.

Jim Schweigert, 4388 Winterwood Shores – thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for their work on the Marcus Park situation and explained why Winterwood Shores are trying to preserve their access.

Sam St. Amour, 4445 Michillinda Road – explained that there is a lot of misinformation out and he explained the financial issues that the Township is facing. He explained that the Parks and Recreation Commission is faced with a difficult problem and that we need to move forward to help save the lighthouse.

Tom Grein, 5780 Oak Tree Lane – stated that the museum port-a-jon overflowed last weekend and he would like the sand removed from the pier.

Mark Zickel, 5580 Oak Tree Lane – stated that the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce supports the White River Light Station and would like to help find a solution to the problem.

Ron Peel, 6405 Sheltering Way – thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for working on the situation at Marcus Park.

Brandon Bolde, 5176 South Shore Drive – expressed his concerns with the museum and budget and explained the benefits of having a curator at the lighthouse.

Irene Pierson, 6100 Murray Road – explained that there are people working to try to form a community group to support the lighthouse.

RECEIPTS:

Secretary Ericka DeCair reported receipts activity as museum donations in the amount of \$100, museum admissions in the amount of \$48, museum sales in the amount of \$272.91, museum grounds rental in the amount of \$400, and Township Park pavilion rental in the amount of \$60, for total receipts in the amount of \$880.91 for the months of April and May 2010.

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$880.91 for the months of April and May 2010. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Duncan-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Missimer-Aye

DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Steve Urban, **ADOPTED**, to pay Hunts Hardware in the amount of \$7.79, DTE Energy in the amount of \$101.43, Verizon in the amount of \$94.57, Kerkstra Portable Restrooms in the amount of \$320, Karen McDonnell in the amount of \$65.38, Consumers Energy in the amount of \$149.19, Holly's Irrigation Service LLC in the amount of \$70, Novotny Electronics in the amount of \$75, and TruGreen in the amount of \$170, for a total disbursement of \$1,053.36. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Duncan-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Missimer-Aye

MUSEUM REPORT:

1. Museum Artifact Ownership and Inventory:
Curator McDonnell stated that the artifact inventory is finished and the complete information is at the Township Hall.
2. Gift Shop Inventory Prices:

Motion by Laura Shields, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to discount the museum gift shop items at the prices submitted by Commissioner Shields. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Duncan-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Missimer-Aye

3. White River Light Station Future:

Motion by Laura Shields, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, that the Parks and Recreation Commission relinquish jurisdiction of the White River Light Station to the Township Board of Trustees in order for them to form a Citizen's Advisory Committee with a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, a member of the Township Board of Trustees, and members of the surrounding communities of interest. The Citizen's Advisory Committee would be charged with coming up with what they feel would be the most feasible way to solve the dire financial state that we are finding ourselves in with trying to maintain the grounds of the White River Light Station. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Duncan-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Missimer-Aye

4. Other:
Curator McDonnell stated that several school groups have been visiting the museum. She would like to get the media to cover an official opening ceremony for the oil house building/exhibit. She would also like to have the maintenance guys take the shutters down at the lighthouse so she can paint them. Curator McDonnell explained that she is having issues with cars being parked in the parking lot late at night. Chairman Duncan stated that they would have to talk with Supervisor St. Amour about how to contact the PINS Officer for those issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Marcus Park Update:
Chairman Duncan explained that the County Surveyor has done a survey of Marcus Park and that proposals are being reviewed.
2. Recreation Plan Update:
Chairman Duncan directed Secretary DeCair to check the status of the Recreation Plan.
3. Playground Equipment Plan:
Commissioner Urban explained that he has had several people interested in the old playground equipment that has been removed from Nestrom Park.

Motion by Steve Urban, second from Laura Shields, **ADOPTED** to set up a silent auction through the Township's E-News for the old playground equipment. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Duncan-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Missimer-Aye

4. Other: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Amendment for Playground Equipment:

Motion by Laura Shields, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to request a budget amendment to have an additional \$500 transferred from account 150-000-999.000 to account 101-691-977.000 for the purpose of purchasing the remaining playground equipment.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Duncan-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Missimer-Aye

2. Sand and Snow Fence Removal from Pier:

Chairman Duncan reported that one snow fence had been removed. The Commission directed Supervisor St. Amour to acquire the remaining necessary permits and have the sand removal work completed as soon as possible.

3. Sports n Shorts Program 2010:

Commissioner Shields explained that Supervisor St. Amour would do a letter for the Sports n Shorts Program.

4. Other:

Motion by Laura Shields, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to purchase 1,000 White River Light Station brochures from Graphics House in the amount of \$280, with \$250 charged to account 101-746-900.000 and \$30 charged to account 101-746-726.000.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Roll Call Vote: Shields-Aye, Duncan-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Missimer-Aye

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Missimer explained that he would like to find an amicable solution to the Marcus Park issues that will not create further litigation.

Commissioner Marcinkowski stated that he had one contractor out looking at the gutters at the lighthouse and he should have another one out this week.

Commissioner Urban explained that at no time did anyone say that the lighthouse was going to close. He believes that the deed states that it must remain open.

Commissioner Shields explained the profit/loss for the museum expenditures and revenues over the past three fiscal years.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Laura Shields, second from Roger Missimer, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the June 7, 2010 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 8:43 p.m. ***5 AYES, 0 NAYS***

Respectfully submitted,

Ericka DeCair, Recording Secretary