

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
September 9, 2013**

PRESENT: Commissioner Mary Nagengast, Commissioner Steve Urban and Commissioner Lynn Knopf

ABSENT: Chair Laura Shields and Commissioner Mary Josephson

ALSO PRESENT: Township Liaison Terrie Hampel

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Nagengast called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mary Nagengast, **ADOPTED**, to accept the September 9, 2013 agenda.
Voice Vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Mary Nagengast, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to accept the August 5, 2013 regular meeting as written.
Voice Vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

RECEIPTS:

Commissioner Nagengast reported receipts activity as Township Park pavilion rental for total receipts of \$20.00 for the month of August 2013.

Motion by Steve Urban, second from Mary Nagengast, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$20.00 for the month of August 2013.
Roll Call Vote: Nagengast-Aye, Urban-Aye, Knopf-Aye, 2 Absent

DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion by Steve Urban, second from Mary Nagengast, **ADOPTED**, to pay A-1 Excavation in the amount of \$1,150.00 to move swingsets and move bollards, Kerkstra Portable Restroom Service Inc. in the amount of \$170.00 for portable restroom and handicap portable restroom rentals for the month of August, and Tru-Green in the amount of \$52.50 for fertilizer for total disbursements of \$1,372.50. Commissioner Urban will take the Turf Services, Inc. invoice in the amount of \$508.34 and discuss with the little league. He feels that this is their responsibility.
Roll Call Vote: Urban-Aye, Nagengast-Aye, Knopf-Aye, 2 Absent

NEW BUSINESS:**1. WLACE – Sports and Shorts Program**

WLACE (White Lake Area Community Education) sent a flyer requesting funding and partnering for the summer of 2014 for the Sports and Shorts Program. The Committee would like to have a dollar figure prior to making any decision.

OLD BUSINESS:**1. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Sections 5 and 6**

Section 5: Commissioner Nagengast felt that Section 5 is boiler-plate for the plan and no changes were suggested. The committee discussed if the Township needs to have another survey completed as the last one was done in 2004. Questions of whose budget pays for the survey and also who administers the survey. Commissioner Urban suggested getting a copy of the last survey to see what concerns have been addressed and if there is anything that has not been addressed.

Township Liaison Hampel asked if the Committee had any input on signage, especially concerning the removal of language about alcohol in the parks. She stated that the full Township Board had voted to remove the alcohol language from signage in the Township. One member of the committee had seen the write-up in the Beacon and the others were unaware of it. Some discussion of the reasons for the change and Committee members thoughts.

Section 6: On page 19 the commission approved removal of item number 11 as this is no longer under the authority of Fruitland Township.

Page 19 item number 9 revised to read “Develop and support community level recreation facilities and programs to ensure the possible participation of all residents, including senior citizens, physically challenged, and preschool populations. Provide a variety of active and passive recreation activities as well as fishing access. Improve/expand parking facilities where feasible.”

Page 19 new item number 11: “Develop collaborative recreational opportunities with area schools, community programs, and athletic groups utilizing township recreational facilities.

Assignment for next month will be Sections 7, 8 and 9.

2. 2014 Budget

Liaison Hampel indicated that the Board has not given any input yet for the 2014 Budget. Commissioner Urban made the suggestion of sprucing up the soccer field maybe expand sprinkling system, leveling off and getting in good grass. Everyone think of other things by next meeting.

UPDATES:

1. DNR Grant

Acting Chairperson Nagengast stated that the DNR grant has been approved by the State of Michigan.

2. Marcus Park

Marcus Park benches are in as are bollards. Commissioner Urban will get in touch with Dan Andrews for bench placement at Nestrom Road Park.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Acting Chairperson Nagengast suggested that the commission look at dates for meetings in 2014. The commission does not meet in November, 2013; December, 2013 and January, 2014.

Commissioner Nagengast welcomed Anne Thomsma to the meeting and stated the commission looks forward to working with her.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Steve Urban, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the September 9, 2013 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:39 PM.

Voice Vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thomsma, Recording Secretary