

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
January 3, 2011**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Trustee Norma Binns, liaison from the Township Board and three (3) others.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Steve Urban, *ADOPTED*, to accept the January 3, 2011 meeting agenda as written.

*4 AYES 1 ABSENT*

**MINUTES:** Motion by Steven Urban, second from Roger Missimer, *ADOPTED*, to accept the December 6, 2010 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

*4AYES 1 ABSENT*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**RECEIPTS**

Commissioner Duncan reported receipts activity as Township Park pavilion rental in the amount of \$30.00, for total receipts in the amount of \$30.00 for the month of December 2010.

Motion by Laura Shields, second from Roger Missimer, *ADOPTED*, to accept receipts in the amount of \$30.00 for the month of December 2010.

*4 AYES 1 ABSENT*

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

**DISBURSEMENTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:****1. Proposed Recreation Plan**

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Steve Urban, *ADOPTED*, to pass the Recreation Plan.

**4 AYES 1 ABSENT**

**2. Marcus Park Status**

Chairman Duncan states the agreements are in the hands of Marcus Dunes and Winterwood Shores per Attorney Eklund. Nothing received back at this time.

**3. Future of Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission**

Commissioner Shields states it needs to remain in tact  
Commissioner Urban states it needs to remain in tact  
Commissioner Missimer states he doesn't give a damn  
Chairman Duncan states he doesn't give a damn

Commissioner Jeff Marcinkowski arrived at 7:09 p.m.

**4. Proposed Budget for upcoming fiscal year**

Comment was made that needs are high on salary/office help. Commissioner Urban states that salary/office help are constant and do not make a difference. Trustee Binns concurred with Commissioner Urban that they are budgeted and the Parks and Recreation Commission is needed to oversee our recreations areas. Trustee Binns asked about any capital improvements. Commissioner Urban added storage shed, shuffleboard equipment and scoreboards. Trustee Binns asked about the \$250.00 the White Lake Association agreed to pay towards the weather station located at the White River Light Station. Chairman Duncan states the White Lake Association needs an invoice from the Township Board. Commissioner Shields would like to email thoughts to be better prepared for the next meeting with numbers for potential disc golf, possible forestry. Supervisor St. Amour explained that the township is currently in contact with a forester. He also stated the Parks and Recreation Board needs to be specific in detail for any capital improvements.

**5. Disc Golf**

Commissioner Shields voiced concern that maybe the Township Board will not want to look into disc golf if they are looking at cost reductions. Trustee Binns advised that the Township Board would like information on start up costs and who is going to manage and maintain before looking at properties. Chairman Duncan stated land is available. Trustee Binns said to maybe ask Whitehall Township if there were any costs involved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Urban – no comment

Commissioner Shields – thought the Commissioners put to bed the talk of disbandment of the Commission – look to the future, create better communication and relationship with township board and quit focusing on the small stuff

Commissioner Missimer – doesn't agree – said it is not up to him or Chairman Duncan to disband but he does not believe the Parks and Recreation Commissioners are being allowed to do their job.

Commissioner Marcinkowski – Bike trials is on the township calendar for the use of Nestrom Park, awaiting documentation on insurance. No cost to use as the group is self sustaining. The Blueberry 5k run is July 16, 2011, do we want to waive rental fee for Nestrom Park?

Clerk Karolyn Rillema/Recording Secretary – updated that she had spoke with White Lake Community Education regarding Sports-n-Shorts summer program and next year the fee will be approximately \$3,400.00. She also updated that parking at Marcus Park has been discussed with Muskegon County Road Commission and the Board of Trustees are waiting for recommendations for additional parking.

Commissioner Urban - asks why items discussed at this meeting and also the category of New Business was not on the agenda.

Commissioner Marcinkowski – Tennis Court resurfacing, company quote on hand, will have to search past minutes.

Chairman Duncan - stated many reasons for his decision of resigning from the Parks and Recreation Commission effective the end of January 2011.

Motion by Jim Duncan, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to have Commissioner Shields take over as being Chairperson until the election of new officers in April 2011.

**5 AYES**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Laura Shields, second from Steve Urban, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the January 3, 2011 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 8:00 p.m.

**5 AYES**

Respectfully submitted,

Karolyn Rillema, Recording Secretary