

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
December 5, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Laura Shields, Commissioner Jeff Marcinkowski, Commissioner Roger Missimer, Commissioner Steve Urban, and Commissioner Mary Nagengast

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Laura Shields called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED**, to accept the December 5, 2011 meeting agenda as written.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Mary Nagengast, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to accept the September 6, 2011 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**RECEIPTS:**

Chairperson Shields reported receipts activity as Township Park pavilion rental for \$30.00, for total receipts for \$30.00 for the months of November 2011.

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Steve Urban, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$30.00 for the month of November 2011.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**Roll Call Vote: Missimer-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Nagengast-Aye, Shields-Aye**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:****1. Marcus Dunes**

Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED** move the meeting into closed session to discuss the Marcus Dunes agreement at 7:10p.m.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**Roll Call Vote: Missimer-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Nagengast-Aye, Shields-Aye**

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED** to come out of closed session at 7:30p.m.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**Roll Call Vote: Nagengast-Aye, Urban-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Missimer-Aye, Shields-Aye**

After coming out of closed session, the commissioners continued to discuss the Resolution pertaining to Marcus Park and the “narrow strip” of Marcus Park. Commissioner Urban noted that in the second paragraph of the resolution agreement, the “narrow strip” is referred to in the attachment, and that the attachment is listed in paragraph two as “Exhibit 1” instead of “Exhibit A” as listed earlier in the Resolution.

Motion by Steve Urban, Second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, change the wording in the resolution, paragraph three, from “Exhibit 1” to “Exhibit A” to be consistent with the remainder of the resolution.

**Roll Call Vote: Missimer-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Nagengast-Aye, Shields-Aye**

Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED**, to accept and send to the Fruitland Township Board the resolution of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission regarding Marcus Dunes and the Marcus Park resolution. This resolution is “A resolution finding that a certain portion of Marcus Park is not suitable for a park or a place of public recreation and it is not in the best interest of the residents of Fruitland Township to continue to expend public dollars for the maintenance and improvement of said portion.

The Commissioners of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission have considered the transfer of a certain portion of Marcus Park to the Unit Owners of Marcus Dunes Condominium Association in exchange for the surrender by the Unit Owners of all right, title and interest they have with regard to existing easements over and across that portion of Marcus Park predominately used by the public. The Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission believes that the transfer of what is referred to as the

“Narrow Strip” on the attached Exhibit A in exchange for the surrender of all easement rights over the balance of Marcus Park will be in the interest of the public health, safety, morals, comfort, and general welfare of Fruitland Township as public dollars are best expended for the maintenance and improvement of the functional portions of Marcus Park.

Now, therefore, it is hereby RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission that the “Narrow Strip” as identified on the attached Exhibit 1 is not suitable for a park or a place of public recreation and it is not in the best interest of the residents of Fruitland Township to continue to expend public dollars for the maintenance and improvement of said Narrow Strip. Further said conveyance will result in the balance of Marcus Park being made available for the exclusive use by the Public. For those reasons the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Board of Trustees of Fruitland Township approve such a transfer.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

***Roll Call Vote: Nagengast-Aye, Urban-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Missimer-Aye, Shields-Aye***

## **2. Park Signs**

Chairperson Shields stated that she had gotten a quote from Ajax Imaging in regards to our parks signs, and she was quoted much less than what had previously been brought to the board. The quote came in under budget at around \$900.00 for two signs-one for Duck Lake Road Park, and one for Nestrom Road Park. She also stated that she didn't realize upon last year's budgeting process that Duck Lake Road Park has a sign, so that the commission would have to determine whether or not it is necessary to purchase a new one for the park at a later time. Chairperson Shields also stated that she was told to pick up the material that the signs would be made out of, but that she did not have enough time before the meeting.

Chairperson Shields asked that the discussion of parks signs be tabled until the January 2012 meeting.

## **3. Set up of special account for harvesting proceeds**

Chairperson Shields had a discussion with Township Supervisor Sam St. Amour regarding the proceeds from harvesting, and St. Amour stated that although he has to have the discussion with the Township Board regarding exact amounts, he predicts that the Parks and Recreation Commission will see approximately twenty-two percent of the proceeds. Chairperson Shields stated that she would like to have it put into a designated fund, and have it only used toward improvements, rather than new items.

Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Mary Nagengast, **ADOPTED**, direct Chairperson Shields to contact the Township Board in order to set up an escrow account based on the harvesting proceeds and those proceeds be used for new capital improvements at all township parks.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

***Roll Call Vote: Missimer-Aye, Marcinkowski-Aye, Urban-Aye, Nagengast-Aye, Shields-Aye***

**UPDATES:****1. Tree Removal at Duck Lake Road Park**

Chairperson Shields reported that the foresters have not gotten to the back portion of Duck Lake Road Park as of December 5, 2011, and that approximately 70 acres are being forested.

Chairperson Shields also spoke of stump removal between the fire barn and the Duck Lake Road Park, and that she spoke to Mike Thomas about dolomite. Commissioner Urban suggested using crushed asphalt because it doesn't sag or give. Chairperson Shields questioned whether this would come out of improvements, or if it would be considered something new.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Marcinkowski stated that he would like to have the Township Board asked for more acreage at Duck Lake Road Park so that the Parks and Recreation board can possibly place a disk golf course or something of other interest at the park as well. Commissioner Marcinkowski will be putting together a motion for the January Parks and Recreation regular meeting.

Commissioner Missimer questioned what happens next with the agreement. Chairperson Shields stated that it is mostly in the Township Board's hands, but that it will be carried out by township supervisor St. Amour, Chairperson Shields, and township attorney Kevin Even. Commissioner Missimer also question if there was concern for a reaction, and Chairperson Shields stated that she thinks everything will be okay.

Commissioner Nagengast mentioned seeing the name of a woman on an article regarding pickle ball, and a grant that she received for the game. She questioned whether or not we could possibly partner with this woman to place it at Duck Lake Road Park. Chairperson Shields suggested that we should look into it further, and Commissioner Nagengast is going to look into contact the woman to see if she's interested in partnering with the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the December 5, 2011 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:48 p.m.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary