

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
MARCH 7, 2011**

PRESENT: Chairperson Laura Shields, Vice Chair Steve Urban, Commissioners Roger Missimer, Jeff Marcinkowski, one vacant seat.

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Norma Binns, liaison from the Township Board and three (2) others.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson 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 March 7, 2011 meeting agenda as written.

4 AYES, 1 VACANCY

MINUTES: Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, *ADOPTED*, to accept the February 7, 2011 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

4 AYES, 1 VACANCY

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RECEIPTS

Chairperson Shields reported receipts activity as Township Park pavilion rental in the amount of \$15.00, for total receipts in the amount of \$15.00 for the month of February, 2011.

Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Steve Urban, *ADOPTED*, to accept receipts in the amount of \$15.00 for the month of February 2011.

4 AYES, 1 VACANCY

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

DISBURSEMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting Schedule

Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Steve Urban, *ADOPTED*, to accept the meeting dates for fiscal year 2011-2012 as stated in resolution 2011-0.

Discussion: Steve Urban not available April 4, 2012.

Roger Missimer questioned meeting dates, and if we are skipping a meeting. Chairperson Shields reminds of the schedule for 14 meetings.

4 AYES, 1 VACANCY

2. Going “paperless” at meetings

All in favor of printing all needed materials prior to the meeting with the exception of receipts or disbursements.

OLD BUSINESS:**1. Disc Golf**

Special Guest Brian Mulnix and Greg Barrett reported on disc golf and the potential benefits that it brings to the township. Mulnix used his most recent endeavor, the disc golf park in Whitehall Township, as his example for how it begins and what kind of attention it brought to the township. Mulnix stated that the costs are minimal, with the exception of equipment. He also said that it is possible to run the course without all the equipment, using Whitehall Township as an example once again, stating that they ran the course for a year without baskets, yet had post markers for players.

One concern of the township is the cost of the course, and Mulnix suggested getting local company sponsors, and stated that labor can be free with interested township residents helping in the creation of the park. It is suggested that the character of the park will draw people in, and that in order to do so, he would walk through our property on Duck Lake Road to make suggestions for future use for disc golf.

2. Proposed Budget for Upcoming Fiscal Year, 2011-2012**Sports ‘N Shorts**

Chairperson Laura Shields has spoken with the board about the costs of Sports ‘N Shorts, and its benefits to the township. Clerk Karolyn Rillema and Trustee Gary Bole both stated that they felt Sports ‘N Shorts is a benefit to the township, and one of the only recreational activities that we offer for the children in the township, and that they would like to see us stay involved.

Chairperson Shields also spoke with Mary Chavez, Sports ‘N Shorts coordinator from WLCE, and she recommended budgeting of \$3,000. Chairperson Shields and all commissioners felt that the prior agreed upon budget of \$2,600 was too little, and chose to raise the budget for Sports ‘N Shorts to the recommended \$3,000. The board wants to have a final amount.

Motion by Steve Urban, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED**, to rescind the \$2,600 budgeted for Sports ‘N Shorts for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

4 AYES, 1 VACANCY

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

Motion by Steve Urban, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED**, to ask for \$3,000 for the proposed budget year of 2011-2012 for the Sports ‘N Shorts program

4 AYES, 1 VACANCY

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

Repairs and maintenance

Decisions were made to change our repairs and maintenance budget to \$3,500 instead of the \$5,000 originally voted on. Township Board asked about remaining money left over. Our list of items to complete was prioritized, and a list of items was created that we could purchase: paint for the fences, items to repair the pump house, paint the buildings, and repair the pavilion door jams. After talking with Commissioner Steve Urban, he is going to get the materials for the projects before the end of March. Discussion of Duck Lake Road Park items to be improved, power wash/paint/install new backboards/net/tennis court nets for a total of \$1,500. Also, new signs at Duck Lake Road Park and Nestrom Road Park for \$1,000. Continue to have general maintenance and repairs at \$1,000, such as fertilizer, equipment rentals for ball fields, etc. For Nestrom Road, want to look at shuffleboard area and horseshoe area.

Residents have stated that no one is using Duck Lake Road Park, and show concern about fixing it up. Chairperson Shields stated that the township board questioned park improvements, and if it would be utilized. Commissioner Marcinkowski questioned putting money into that area for improvements as well, instead of just putting the funds toward Nestrom Road Park. Chairperson Shields mentioned disc golf being located at Duck Lake Road Park, and that would be means for getting residents to use the park. Shields stated that if we don't improve it at all, nobody will ever use it, and that a minimal amount of money to try to improve it would be beneficial. Commissioner Urban used the phrase "if you build it, they will come."

Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED**, to rescind the motion from the February 7, 2011, regarding maintenance and repairs budget of \$5,000.

4 AYES, 1 VACANCY

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

Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Steve Urban, **ADOPTED**, to approve \$3,500 for repairs and maintenance in the 2011-2012 budget for power washing, painting and installing new back boards, nets, tennis courts nets at Duck Lake Road Park, a new sign at Duck Lake Road Park, repairs to the Nestrom Park sign, and for general maintenance and repairs.

4 AYES, 1 VACANCY

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

3. Marcus Park Easement Agreement

Chairperson Shields received a letter from Bob Eklund from Jerry Rumps. Questions concerning whether or not we would work with the residents on the easement issues. It was agreed upon that we would have Attorney Bob Eklund review the bi-laws for Winterwood Shores Condominium Association and have him give us an opinion of whether or not we have to have everyone's signatures from the Condominium Associations.

Commissioner Marcinkowski stated that he doesn't believe we can leave anyone out. Commissioner Missimer stated that, in the letter, that the bi-laws state that the Association's manager is in charge of the agreement, and wonders if that would satisfy Bob Eklund.

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to contact Bob Eklund about the Association being in charge.

4 AYES, 1 VACANCY

4. Marcus Dunes Condominium Association

Chairperson Shields referenced the letter Rose & Rose, Attorneys at Law, the council for Marcus Dunes. She stated that she was setback by the tone of the correspondence, but not shocked. Shields thought of reviewing paperwork, but felt that it was a waste of time due to the statement in the letter from the Association: "further reject any reasonable compromise by the township."

Chairperson Shields spoke to Eklund, and he said we can do two things: do nothing, or take Marcus Dunes back to court on the clarifications on easement rights. Roger requested via email we address eminent domain. Chairperson Shields made a call to Sue Bowen, township assessor, looking into eminent domain.

Roger does not want to go to court for the clarification, and is not in favor of doing nothing. He stated that he feels as if Marcus Dunes Condominium Association acts as if they own it, and they want to take away public use, and that Marcus clearly wanted it to be used that way. He questioned condemnation, and why we can't condemn the rights, and that he wants to see Marcus Park restored to a public park.

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to seek Bob Eklund's advice and council on condemnation rights for easement agreements rights on Marcus Dunes.

4 AYES, 1 VACANCY

UPDATES:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the March 7, 2011 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 8:08 p.m.

4 AYES, 1 VACANCY

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sanford, Recording Secretary