

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
April 4, 2011**

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Steve Urban

**ALSO PRESENT:** Supervisor Sam St. Amour, Trustee Norma Binns, and Bill Traynor

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR CHAIRMAN:**

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to nominate and elect Laura Shields as Chairperson to the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

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

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN:**

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Laura Shields, **ADOPTED**, to nominate and elect Jeff Marcinkowski as Vice Chair to the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

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

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR SECRETARY:**

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to nominate and elect Mary Nagengast as Secretary to the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

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

**APPOINT RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Motion by Laura Shields, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED**, to appoint and sustain Mary Sanford as recording secretary to the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

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

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to accept the April 4, 2011 meeting agenda as written.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Laura Shields, **ADOPTED**, to accept the March 1, 2011 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sam St. Amour, 4445 Michillinda Road – thanked the board on behalf of the residents of Fruitland Township for their efforts over the past year, especially with the budgeting process, and also for future work as a board.

**RECEIPTS:**

Chairperson Shields 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 March, 2011.

Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$30.00 for the month of March 2011.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

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

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to pay Hunts Rental in the amount of \$34.40, Hunt's Hardware in the amount of \$259.49, Lowe's in the amount of \$76.59, and True Green in the amount of \$250.00 for a total disbursement of \$620.48.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:****1. Tennis courts at Nestrom Road Park and price quotes**

Chairperson Shields reported that the Township Board placed some concerns in regards to the tennis courts at Nestrom Park. She stated that there was a quote given from Asphalt Paving that was extremely high. Shield stated that Ravenna Seal Coating gave us one for much less, but there is concern about their work due to the courts at Muskegon Community College, and the cracking in their courts. She informed the board that Commissioner Urban is currently communicating with Ravenna Seal Coating in regards to why this is happening. Commissioner Urban is on vacation, but will get more information upon his return. Ravenna Seal Coating is thinking it is a particular material that is being used. Chairperson Shields stated that she may want to get one more quote for the work on the tennis courts. Shields stated that our courts are not in terrible condition, but because they get used frequently, it is something we want to put into the budget for next year.

Chairperson suggested tabling the discussion and decision on the courts until next month, when commissioner Urban is able to be in contact with Ravenna Seal Coating regarding what happened with the other courts.

Commissioner Marcinkowski questioned whether it will be projected for this year or next, and Chairperson Shields suggested for this year, and if we accept a quote, we can pass the information along to the township board. She stated that we will get the courts completed as soon as possible.

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to table the discussion of the tennis courts until the May 2, 2011 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:****1. Marcus Park Easement Agreements**

Chairperson Shields had discussed revoking the easement agreements with Winter Wood Shores and Marcus Dunes. She feels like the main focus has been around Marcus Park, and not as much with Winter Wood Shores, and questions whether we want to deal with them together, or separate them into two separate issues. Shields stated that she feels that they should be two separate entities, with Winter Wood Shores who does not have rights, and no easement, and it's been written so that the Township does let them have some easement down there.

Chairperson Shields stated that if we revoke the agreements, we have to send the information to both parties. Much discussion occurred about the issues, and that going to court with Winter Wood Shores is going to happen whatever path we choose to take. A motion was made to revoke both agreements: Winter Wood Shores because they cannot get all property owners signatures, and Marcus Dunes because they refuse to sign, so the agreement made with them will be withdrawn.

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Mary Nagengast, **ADOPTED**, to revoke the easement agreements with Winter Wood Shores and Marcus Dunes, and have Attorney Bob Eklund write letters for both parties.

**4 AYES, 1 ABSENT**

It was agreed upon by the board that each association will be dealt with separately, and that the board will consult Bob Eklund to get the next steps with proceeding with Winter Wood Shores, and whether or not we are going to let Marcus Dunes "sit" while research is done to determine the best way to move forward.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Chairperson Shields mentioned a phone call she received about a park clean-up for fundraising purposes, and that she told the party we don't get involved in fundraising activities. The person who called stated that the group interested would be looking to get involved with community service project with the Township. Chairperson Shields said she would like to keep them in mind when we start working on Duck Lake Road Park, and that we could possibly get them involved.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the April 4, 2011 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 8:00 p.m.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sanford, Recording Secretary