

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
May 2, 2011**

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Norma Binns, Bill Traynor, Judith Traynor, Jerry Rumps, Fay Tellam and Jim Tellam

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Jeff Marcinkowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Mary Nagengast, *ADOPTED*, to accept the May 2, 2011 meeting agenda as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Mary Nagengast, second from Roger Missimer, *ADOPTED*, to accept the April 4, 2011 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Chairperson Shields arrived at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerry Rumps, 4378 Winterwood Shores – came to address the board and revisit last months meeting where the board voted to rescind the easement agreement. Rumps stated that he felt the board and property owners worked very hard to put this agreement together and that due to this decision he wanted to revisit an email he sent in February because of a response he was lacking. His email stated that all of the members have put forth a great deal of effort to resolve issue, except for one resident, Hugo Ferrari. He stated that Ferrari has been completely unresponsive, and the association has used many means to try to reach him. He stated also that Ferrari has never occupied the property in Winterwood Shores. Rumps told the board that the association bi-laws states that the association controls the current Duck Lake Easement, and that that Ferrari signed the bi-laws agreeing to abide by them. Rumps asked Eklund if the township would work with the association and bi-laws, and that he didn't get much of a response back. Eklund asked to review the bi-laws. Rumps informed the board that there is a paragraph in the bi-laws that states Winterwood Shores Association has control over easement and/or any access to Duck Lake He also said that the bi-laws are registered with the State of Michigan, and that they would like to move forward and get things resolved quickly.

Chairperson Shields stated that the board hadn't had a chance to discuss everything regarding the easement due to not getting information in a timely manor, and assured that the information would be reviewed and discussed at the June 6, 2011 meeting. She also assured Mr. Rumps that each association was going to be looked at and handled separately, and that the board would try to get a decision coming as quickly as possible.

Bill Traynor, 6305 Sheltering Way – wanted to revisit the letter from his attorney, which he feels revisited history rather than moving forward. Traynor said he would rather talk to the commissioners than go through attorneys.

Commissioner Missimer stated that he felt it is hard to misinterpret the letter from their attorney. Missimer read the statement that said “whether there is any practical value in continuing negotiations at this time.

Traynor insisted that his association would like to move forward as well, and without attorneys.

RECEIPTS:

Commissioner Marcinkowski reported receipts activity as Township Park pavilion rental for \$15.00, for total receipts for \$15.00 for the month of April 2011.

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Steve Urban, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$15.00 for the month of April 2011.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

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

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commissioner Marcinkowski reported disbursements as payment for cable, nuts and bolts for the township tennis courts, for total receipts for \$20.58 for the month of April 2011.

Motion by Steve Urban, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED**, to pay Hunt's Hardware for \$20.58, for a total disbursement of \$20.58.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2011/2012 Work List

The work list created for Nestrom Road Park includes four items. These items include painting the fence, re-insulating the pump house, repainting of the building, and fixing of the door-way jam. Chairperson Shields stated that most of the materials have been purchased, and she placed it on the agenda so that it could be put into the updates section to keep track and make sure that it's being done.

Commissioner Urban gave an update, stating that the painting of the fence will only be the backstop. The order for the paint is in, and they are waiting on weather. He also stated that the insulation is almost complete, as well as the painting of the pump house. There is a door lock being purchased for the inside of the door of the pump house, so that will be purchased and the door jam will be fixed.

2. 2011/2012 Budgeted Projects

Power wash, install new back boards, nets, and tennis court nets. Everything still needs to be purchased. Chairperson Shields questioned doing a work schedule to get an idea of when things will be completed.

New signs at Nestrom Road Park and Duck Lake Park have been budgeted \$1,000. The commission is waiting on some price quotes.

Commissioner Marcinkowski discussed that the Nestrom Road Park sign is going to be modified and changing the location of the address, and alter the sign so that it's more visible. Discussion on the Duck Lake Road Park sign created a decision to combine the park sign with a sign for the fire barn. Commissioner Marcinkowski is handling all the information for those signs.

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

Commissioner Marcinkowski stated that due to circumstances, this topic would be put on next month's agenda. Chairperson Shields said she talked to Attorney Bob Eklund two weeks prior, and that he told her he was going to get her the information. The information was not passed on until the afternoon of the May 2, 2011 meeting, and Chairperson Shields stated that she did not feel comfortable discussing the topic until all of the commissioners are able to look over the information from the attorney. She extended her apologies to the residents who attended the meeting, and assured she would find the underlying cause of the matter.

UPDATES:**1. Blueberry 5K Run**

Commissioner Marcinkowski stated that things are in line for the 5K, and showed the board the flier that is being sent out. He stated that the information will be available on the Muskegon Community College website, and showed the flier to the commissioners for the event. Marcinkowski stated that he was approached about possibly combining the blueberry pancake dinner with the Blueberry 5K, but informed them that it would be something the Parks and Recreation Commission would look into for the future.

2. Parking at Marcus Park

Chairperson Shields requested that this topic be put on the agenda for the June 2011 meeting. She stated that she had heard nothing back from the Muskegon County Road Commission on the topic, and that she cannot move forward with it until she hears back from them.

3. Items that need checking

Commissioner Jeff Marcinkowski's opinion is that the horseshoe area should receive work, as well as the shuffleboard area. Commissioner Steve Urban suggested having the shuffleboard court power washed when we have the tennis courts worked on to alleviate extra costs. He also mentioned that he talked to Ravenna Seal Coating in regards to the courts that they resurfaced at Muskegon Community College, and that the company said they stand behind their work. Their explanation of the cracking is due to the fact that the asphalt used on their courts is very porous, which tends to cause cracks when excess water gets on the court. Ravenna Seal Coating also stated that they stand behind their work, and would do the same for the township.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Missimer stated that he did not like the use of particular wording in reference to the rescinding decision made by the board for the easement agreements.

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.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sanford, Recording Secretary