

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
August 1, 2011**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Trustee Norma Binns

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Mary Nagengast, **ADOPTED**, to accept the August 1, 2011 meeting agenda as written.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Mary Nagengast, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED**, to accept the June 6, 2011 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Motion by Mary Nagengast, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to accept the May 18, 2011 work session minutes as submitted.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**RECEIPTS:**

Chairperson Shields reported receipts activity as Township Park pavilion rental for \$120.00, for total receipts for \$120.00 for the months of June and July 2011.

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Steve Urban, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$120.00 for the months of June and July 2011.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

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

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:****1. Tree Removal at Duck Lake Road Park (Marcinkowski)**

Commissioner Marcinkowski met with the forester last month regarding tree removal at Duck Lake Road Park. Upon his meeting with the forester and Chairperson Shields, it has been decided that seven trees will be left in front of the court, to help shield the road. Marcinkowski stated that these trees would not affect the court. Removal of the trees will take place in the winter, but the tree removal does not include removal of stumps. Stump removal will occur at a later time.

Commissioner Marcinkowski questioned whether with the revenue that is generated, if the Parks and Recreation Commission could use a portion for stump removal. Trustee Norma Binns commented that the Commission would have to petition the Township Board for some of the funds from the tree removal revenue.

In discussions of tree removal, Commissioner Marcinkowski presented a five-year capital improvement plan that he put together for Duck Lake Road Park. Items for the 2011-2012 fiscal year include signage upgrades, tree removal, establish an 800 meter walking bath on the 19 acres, clean off and power wash the courts, checking on Pickle Ball court painting/stripping and/or other games, repaint for half court basketball, and removal of the second basketball hoop and pole.

Items for the 2012-2013 fiscal year include stump removal, landscaping in the areas where stumps are removed, purchasing picnic tables, grills and trash containers, maintaining the cleanliness and upkeep of the park, removal of tennis court posts, and possibly installing two lights with timers for night play.

Items for the 2013-2014 fiscal year include installation of a well for portable water at a gazebo, landscape irrigation and possible flush toilets, maintaining the cleanliness and upkeep of the courts and entire park, and installation of walking trains on the adjoining property to connect with the 800-meter trail.

Items for the 2014-2015 fiscal year include construction of a gazebo/shelter with power and water, continuation of walking trails, and maintaining the cleanliness and upkeep of the courts and park.

Items for the 2015-2016 fiscal year includes construction of vault or flush toilets, completion and/or continuation of walking trails, and maintaining the cleanliness and upkeep of the courts and park.

Commissioner Marcinkowski stated that this five-year plan was just a draft of ideas that he had for the park, and that it was not intended to happen in any particular order. He believes that starting this year by making it a half court basketball court and painting the remaining area with new games and activities is a start for the park. He and Chairperson Shields both feel that making it a multiuse court will bring in more residents. They would like to start with these items, and see how it goes from there.

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

Chairperson Shields asked that the discussion of this topic be tabled until further information becomes available.

**2. Tennis courts and Nestrom Road Park**

Commissioner Marcinkowski stated that Racquets Sports came out to the park to look at the courts, and that they were actually the company who did our courts the last time. They have sent him a quote, but he has been unable to retrieve his emails. The company stated that they have a few different methods that they use depending on the level of what we would like. Marcinkowski is going to call Racquets for these quotes, and will pass them onto Chairperson Shields.

Commissioner Urban suggested waiting due to possible cracking by the time the court can be completed, but Commissioner Marcinkowski stated that he would like to do something with the courts as soon as possible to prevent further troubles with the courts, and that he would at least like to fill the cracks. Chairperson Shields agreed, and is going to move forward with the quotes.

**UPDATES:****1. Winterwood Shores/lawsuit filed by DLROA**

Chairperson Shields stated that they are still moving forward with the lawsuit, and that there has been no new information passed along regarding this issue.

**2. Marcus Dunes**

Chairperson Shields stated that she still has not heard anything back regarding this topic.

**3. 2011/2012 Work List**

Commissioner Urban stated that the painting of the backstop has not been completed due to the season just ending for the league players. Urban stated that it could be started any time, and that he has fencing to replace the bad portion of fencing that is bent and sticking out. The fencing being replaced will take approximately a half of a day, and suggested that it be completed toward the end of summer to be able to get more volunteers for helping with the painting and fence replacement. Trustee Binns suggested having it be put in the Fruitland Township E-News.

The pump house, repainting of the buildings and the repair of the doorway jam at the pavilion are all still incomplete. All commissioners voiced concern of these items being on the agenda for approximately six months, and questioned why these items have not yet been taken care of. Chairperson Shields made the statement that they are paying maintenance staff a day and a half to work on Parks and Recreation Commission's projects, and that she feels none of the projects they have asked to be completed have been touched. She questioned whether the commissioners should just work on the projects themselves. Commissioner Urban stated that he has given his list to the appropriate parties regarding the items that the commission would like handled, and questioned why they were not complete. Urban brought up that better communication needs to be in place.

Chairperson Shields stated that she would be talking to Sam in regards to this matter, in hopes of gaining some knowledge and resolve with this issue.

**4. 2011-2012 Budgeted Projects**

Chairperson Shields stated that she is still waiting for price quotes. Commissioner Marcinkowski is going to call to get the quotes and then pass them along to Chairperson Shields.

**5. Parking at Marcus Park**

Chairperson Shields reported that she had been given word that the additional parking at Marcus Park has been completed per word from Supervisor Sam St. Amour. She stated that she had no idea that it happened, but got word it had been completed.

Commissioner Nagengast declared her frustration with the so-called parking. She said all that had taken place is that the shoulder was pushed back. After having walked out there, she said the surface makes it unable to tell and she would not call it parking. She also stated that the signage for where you are able to park is confusing. She suggested getting some form of resurfacing so that it's easily clarified as parking. Chairperson Shields suggested that it is up to the Township Board, and that she would get clarification on the parking and signage at Marcus Park.

**6. Shuffleboard Area**

It was discussed that this area has yet to be cleaned out. Commissioners again voiced concerned about their projects not being completed. Chairperson Shields stated that she is taking the main issues with Supervisor St. Amour and go from there.

Commissioner asked Trustee Binns if it would be possible for the Parks and Recreation Commission to get a description of the properties that they have been assigned so that they can get boundaries and pertinent information. Trustee Binns said they could give them the appropriate information.

**COMMISSIONER IS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Marcinkowski stated that he was available for help with any projects the commission decided to take control over.

Commissioner Nagengast reported that she had stopped at Sports N' Shorts and that she was told there has been wonderful attendance at the event. She mentioned that the people in charge had only one concern about the location, that being the open trash receptacles, and that the township took care of the problem by ordering new cans with lids.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the August 1, 2011 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:39 p.m.

**5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sanford, Recording Secretary