

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
September 12, 2012**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Steve Urban

ALSO PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Laura Shields called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Mary Nagengast, *ADOPTED*, to accept the September 12, 2012 meeting agenda as written.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Mary Nagengast, second from Roger Missimer, *ADOPTED*, to accept the August 6, 2012 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

RECEIPTS:

None

DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Mary Nagengast, *ADOPTED*, to pay Trugreen in the amount of \$55.00 for treatment of the baseball field at Nestrom Road Park.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

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

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:**1. Parks and Recreation Commission Project Listing Recommendations from the Township Board**

Chairperson Shields reported that she did some research pertaining to the list given to the Parks and Recreation Commission by the Township Board. The commissioners visited each line item on the list, and decided as a group what items would be looked at immediately, and what would be looked at a later time.

Chairperson Shields that the list for Nestrom Road Park is quite a bit larger than the rest of the list. The first item on the list is the installation of a basketball court at the park. Commissioner Missimer questioned whether or not the commissioners had any information as to how much the new court at Duck Lake Road Park is or has been being used, and Chairperson Shields stated that she is unsure, but does know that it is used by the firemen when they are stationed at station two. Commissioner Nagengast stated that she didn't feel there was a need to install another basketball court at Nestrom Road Park when we have a newly renovated, wonderful court at Duck Lake Road Park. The other commissioners agreed, and as a whole it was decided that this was not something the commission should look in to.

Also on the list are birdhouses. Chairperson Shields stated that at first, she was a little curious as to what the Township Board would like with these. She also stated that she contacted the president of the Muskegon County Nature Club. Chairperson Shields also stated that in discussions with him, that she would be asking for advice and in possibly working together with them to decide what types of birds they would like to target for viewing in the township. She also mentioned that Mr. Peddler, the president of the Muskegon County Nature Club, suggested trails and sitting areas for the viewing of the birds, and that in purchases for these houses, she would guess it to be approximately \$500.00 or so. Mr. Peddler stated that he would get back to Chairperson Shields in approximately two to three weeks. The commissioners agreed to pursue the birdhouses, and look further into doing so.

Commissioner Marcinkowski arrived at 7:11 p.m.

A dolomite/crushed concrete parking area near the pavilion and stairway at the park is also something the Township Board considered of importance. Chairperson Shields stated that when A-1 Excavation did the dolomite parking at Duck Lake Road Park, it cost approximately \$2,000.00. Commissioner Marcinkowski stated that this parking would be a bit different, that all that would need to be done is grading and laying of the parking area, and suggested that the commission look into getting a quote for the parking area. Commissioner Nagengast and Commissioner Missimer also agreed. Commissioner Missimer questioned as to whether the list from the Township Board was a multi-year list, and Shields confirmed. After discussions, the commissioners agreed that this was not at the top of their priority list.

In regards to extending the underground sprinkling system, Commissioner Missimer asked if the board would be getting quotes for this work before considering it for immediate attention. Chairperson Shields stated that she had asked Commissioner Urban where the Township Board was wanting to extend the sprinkling to, and asked him for pricing information but had not heard from him. She said she would like to wait to hear from him before moving forward.

The commissioners decided that improvements to the beach area were unnecessary due to the beach being in good shape, and declared this as a low priority to them.

The commissioners discussed the installation of a swing/glider at the park, and where the Township Board would like to see this item placed. Chairperson Shields stated that she assumed they would like it placed by the playground and pavilion area. In discussing a swing and/or glider, it was agreed upon that

something like this would be pricey, and that a glider could easily be broken. It was also agreed upon that they would look into pricing for a bench for the park area.

A sledding hill and playground ground cover for Nestrom Road Park is on the list for the Parks and Recreation Commission, and it was agreed by all that these are not priorities of the commission. As for the replacement of the playground equipment, Chairperson Shields stated that this is something that was recently done, so this does not even need to be considered.

The Township Board has also suggested that the Parks and Recreation Commission consider soccer nets at the park. Commissioner Marcinkowski stated that there is enough room for a soccer field and that painting could be completed. He also stated that the commission would want to make sure that the corners are staked. Chairperson Shields questioned the purchase of nets for the park, and reported that there are quite a few different nets for sale, and she was not sure what would be the best for purchase. Commissioner Marcinkowski questioned possibly having the group that uses the area now leave their nets and in return they could keep using the field for their practices. The commissioners agreed that this is a high priority for the park.

In discussions for the updating of the restrooms, Chairperson Shields reported that for permanent restrooms to be installed, the fees would be upwards of \$35,000.00. She also gave prices for portable restrooms. Handicap restrooms with sanitizer would be \$100.00 for four weeks, with two cleanings being an extra \$30. Commissioner Marcinkowski asked what the issue is in regards to the restrooms that are already at the park, and asked if the issue is them not being pumped, and Chairperson Shields stated that she wasn't entirely sure. It was also questioned as to how often the restrooms are cleaned, and who cleans them, and again they were unsure. The commissioners agreed to have Chairperson Shields get more information from the Township Board regarding this topic.

As for pavilion updates, Chairperson Shields stated that she wanted to get more information regarding what the Township Board would like to see. Commissioner Marcinkowski suggested that it may be roofing, painting and brightening up of the area, and Shields also mentioned that it might have to do with the electrical work being updated, and mentioned the circuit being blown during the summer when someone rented it. The commission agreed to seeking more information.

The commissioners agreed that updating the stairs at Nestrom Road Park was not a priority – the stairs are not in bad condition, and with the amount of use they receive, that it would not be something they would like to look into.

The Township Board also suggested a volleyball court at the park, and the commissioners agreed that this too, would be overlooked for the time being. They don't believe that it will be used enough to spend the money to install one.

In regards to walking paths at the bottom of the hill, Chairperson Shields stated that the only place at the Nestrom Road Park that she believes they are referring to is down on the beach area, and she believes this area is wetland area, and is probably protected. She also stated that she thinks if they were to be put anywhere, it should be at Duck Lake Road Park where the Parks and Recreation Commission suggested. She also stated that the placement of bird houses would coincide with the trails quite well, and that she would suggest this to the Township Board.

Also on the list for the parks is the building of a pavilion and/or picnic shelter at Marcus Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the idea, and everyone agreed that there is not room at the park for such a shelter. Commissioner Nagengast suggested, however, maybe installing a swing set and/or slide at the park. She stated that in most instances, she sees the park being used by families with little children,

and that it might be a good idea to have something there like this. The commissioners agreed to look into pricing for equipment.

Bicycle path and signage left the commissioners with questions, as they stated they are not responsible for signage on the trail. Chairperson Shields stated that she would ask the Township Board about this topic.

One of the suggestions that the Township Board would like to see in general would be a boat launch. Chairperson Shields stated that there already is a boat launch, and that she would have to ask the board about this.

In regards to cross country skiing trails, as well as walking/jogging/hiking trails, Chairperson Shields stated that in the Parks and Recreation Commission Master Plan is that at Duck Lake Road Park are nature, walking and cross country skiing trails. She stated that she is going to bring this to the board's attention, as this is something the commission had already discussed providing at Duck Lake Road Park. Chairperson Shields stated that this would be a low budget item. She also mentioned Brian Mulnix, the gentleman interested in doing a disc golf course at the township, and reported that he contacted her again. Commissioner Missimer suggested that it would be good for disc golf to be added to the list because we have a party interested in helping and assures the usage of the park. Chairperson Shields stated that she would also bring this back to the attention of the Township Board.

Motion by Jeff Marcinkowski, second from Roger Missimer, **ADOPTED** to have Chairperson Shields approach the Township Board about further clarifications pertaining to the list of recommendations for the Parks and Recreation parks.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

UPDATES:

None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Roger Missimer, second from Jeff Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the September 12, 2012 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:58 p.m.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary