

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
July 1, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Bob Murray, Commissioner Carlet Mitenbuler and Commissioner Ellie Rae VanTongeren.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Mark Beegle and Commissioner Lynn Knopf.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Three interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 6:06p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to accept the July 1, 2024 agenda as written with an addition of playground mulch to Unfinished Business.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to accept the June 3, 2024 minutes as written.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Bob Brown, 5417 South Shore Drive – mentioned the pollinator garden and wondered if the Commission was going to move forward with one.

2. Matt Johnsen, 2936 Nestrom Road - mentioned the Waters Edge lodge going up for sale and the potential for issues with the road end.

Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT**

Chairman Murray stated that the Commission decided that a pollinator garden wouldn't be conducive in the park where there's a lot of activity, but he stated the Township is looking at other possible locations.

Commissioner Mitenbuler told Mr. Johnson that he should go to the Township Board with his concerns because the Commission doesn't control the road ends. Mr. Johnson also mentioned trouble about another property with issues he's discussed with the Commission, and Chairman Murray stated that signs have been ordered and should go up soon.

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to resume Robert's Rules of Order.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT**

**RECEIPTS:**

Chairman Murray reported receipt activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$90.00 for the month of June, 2024.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$350.00 to Jelinek Tree Service for the removal of a limb off the backstop, \$875.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms, and \$2,101.40 to Scheid for irrigation repair for total disbursements of \$3,326.40.

Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second by Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$90.00 for pavilion rentals and to pay disbursements in the amount of \$250.00.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT**

**Roll Call Vote: Knopf-Aye, Murray-Aye, Mitenbuler-Aye**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Programs committee update/movie night**

Chairman Murray mentioned that Commissioner Knopf sent two quotes. After discussing the dates for movie night, the commissioners agreed that one wouldn't work due to being too late in September. The commissioners agreed that they would like to keep the event before school starts.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to approve Back Yard Drive-In and Party in the amount of \$1,256.00 with a tentative date of August 17<sup>th</sup> for movie night and a licensing fee for \$500.00.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT**

**2. Baseball updates**

Chairman Murray said North Muskegon Youth Baseball made it to the championship game, with two of their teams playing one another. Their season is now finished.

Chairman Murray mentioned revisiting the park usage agreement for teams using the field, adding that North Muskegon definitely plans to come back. He added that he never saw Sports Academy at the park. Chairman Murray also told the commissioners that the controller for the scoreboard is missing. He contacted the organizations that use the field, but neither has it. Chairman Murray stated that there are too many keys out there for the building the controller is stored in, so he would like the Commission to consider looking into a better locking system with a keypad to know who is entering and when they enter. He added that this fee would be about \$150.00. Commissioner Murray also

informed the commissioners that a new controller would be \$1,100.00 plus shipping, but they will wait a bit to order it in case the missing one turns up.

### **3. Catholic Heart Work Camp update**

Chairman Murray said that four kids came to work when last year he received eight. He also mentioned that the group of kids were younger this year, but that they did a great job with everything being completed. The volleyball net was installed; however, Chairman Murray painted the lines on instead of using the straps so that there aren't any difficulties with mowing. Chairman Murray said that he also went to the closing events for the group and thanked them for a job well done.

### **4. Tennis/pickleball court update**

Chairman Murray reported that the fencing is up and that he is very happy with Oasis Fencing who did the work. He added that they did a great job and paid close attention to detail. The painting of the lines will be done later in the summer, likely sometime in August. Chairman Murray said that he ordered the brochure holder for the court.

### **5. Roadway/trail update**

Chairman Murray informed the commissioners that there are only a few dead trees in the way for the roadway, adding that the mulcher will be here in a few days and can take care of them.

### **6. Pavilion lighting**

Chairman Murray stated that Spence Electric completed the work and did a nice job. He thanked Commissioner Mitenbuler for the referral, adding that he came in well under the other contractors that quoted the job.

### **7. Restroom update**

Chairman Murray said that this is still being worked on, adding that quotes are coming in around \$300,000.00. He encouraged the commissioners to look at prefab restrooms.

### **8. Playground mulch**

Chairman Murray stated that the mulch is in and looks nice.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Mitenbuler thanked Chairman Murray for going to the Catholic Heart Work Camp closing event. She also thanked Commissioner Ellie Rae VanTongeren for joining the Commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the July 1, 2024 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:04 PM.

***3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT***

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary