

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2024 MINUTES**

PRESENT –Supervisor Marcinkowski, Trustee Graham, Trustee Lundell, Treasurer Pachman, Trustee Holman, Clerk Fagan

ABSENT – Trustee Jeske

ALSO PRESENT – (4) Four interested parties

CALL TO ORDER - Supervisor Marcinkowski called the August 12, 2024, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:10 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Clerk Fagan, **ADOPTED**, to accept the amended August 12, 2024 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were none.

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **Bob Murray - Park Commission – 8/7 meeting update** – Chairman Murray reported on the most recent Parks Commission meeting. They are planning a movie night at the Fruitland Township Park on August 17, weather dependent and the Trunk or Treat planning has started. The Tennis/Pickleball Courts are done and being used. There have been requests for additional gates to be added for ease of use and clean up for maintenance. Trail mulching and temporary roadway work has been completed. Chairman Murray discussed the library lockers with a representative from the library and there may be an opportunity to coordinate to be able to use extra lockers for park/game supplies. The Parks Commission voted unanimously to allow the Township Board to sell both Parks designated properties in the Lakewood area to put towards Nestrom Park restrooms.
- b. **Dave Rice – DCNA update** – Dave Rice reported that the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails were awarded \$10,900 for Bridge #2 from the White Lake Area Women’s group. Bridge work is beginning in very early planning stages. The Hain family has asked to donate funds to have a bench placed along the Blue trail. The kiosk has been completed and placed in the Simonelli parking lot.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Lundell, **ADOPTED**, to suspend from Robert’s Rules to discuss with Dave Rice.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Supervisor Marcinkowski asked for a few updates regarding previous grants and permit expiration dates.

Enrica from the attorney office introduced herself and gave some information regarding her background.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Lundell,
ADOPTED, to return to Robert's Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **July Check disbursement report** – For Board review
- b. **July Ordinance Enforcement report** – For Board review
- c. **Transfer Station** – Brush pile chipped on 7/26 by White Lake Excavating
- d. **Transfer Station** – well power was not working. Needed to have a pressure switch replaced, work done by Meyer Well Drilling
- e. **Lakewood Lots** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is still working with the Realtor to get all lots listed and sold.
- f. **Cemetery update** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is having the building and power investigated for removal/repair and upgrade.
- g. **Beck Residence Update** – Letter update from EGLE stating they will not need permits from EGLE for the referenced projects. Next step will be having a building permit issued by the township.
- h. **Chip Seal Update** – Chip Seal operations will begin on small subdivision roads this week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- a. **Restrooms – Nestrom Park** – The Board reviewed updated quotes regarding the structural plans needed for having the Nestrom Park restroom project out for bid.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **RESOLUTION 2024-17 LAKEWOOD ADDITION SUBDIVISION ABANDONMENT OF PLATTED ROADS**
- b. **Transfer Station Pricing** – Supervisor Marcinkowski is suggesting increased prices at the Ecology Station to offset increased costs from vendors.
- c. **File room – Key Pad Door lock** – Information presented to the Board for replacing some locks with Key Pad Locks for better security control. The Board directed Supervisor Marcinkowski to look for additional pricing. Clerk Fagan will look for any current election security grant funding.
- d. **Park Commission – sale of 2 park properties** – The Realtor is suggesting the sale of two Parks designated properties in the Lakewood area may be worth more. The Parks Commission has unanimously approved this idea in an effort to raise money for the Nestrom Park restrooms.

Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Supervisor Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to suspend from Robert's Rules to discuss with Parks Commission representatives.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Trustee Lundell questioned whether there were previous plans for these properties via the Master Plan. Chairman Murray responded that ideas had been discussed but nothing had been put in the Master Plan. He also pointed out that there is not currently water access, which would be required for a dog park.

Motion by Trustee Lundell, second by Supervisor Marcinkowski, **ADOPTED**, to return to Robert's Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

- e. **Park Commission – 6 additional gates on courts - \$3,620.00** – After some suggestions by residents and maintenance, the Parks Commission is requesting 6 gates be added to the tennis/pickleball courts to be paid via the Specialty Fund.
- f. **Park Commission** – Key Pad Door Lock for baseball storage, this will be added to the additional quotes being requested.
- g. **White Lake Community Library rep** – There are four people interested in the Library Board position: Breann Fagan – Harry Meersma – Paula Martin – Marilyn Hamilton
- h. **Plumbing Inspector** – The current Plumbing Inspector, Jim Callendar, would like to drop the plumbing part of his inspections and has suggested Steve Smith as his replacement.
- i. **Camera – WRLS** – The Board discussed the delay with the lighthouse camera and the different associations involved. The camera does appear to be up and running now, but the Board would like to see if the White Lake Association would be willing to turn control over to Fruitland Township and SPLKA.
- j. **WRLS** – Supervisor is investigating the addition of ring cameras and Intrusion Alarms at the WRLS after a recent break in attempt.
- k. **Community Building** – Roofing leak repaired, but vent pipe still needs further repair. May need to budget for new shingles in upcoming year.
- l. **Township property – storm damage clean up** – Gary Kozicki has provided some pictures, information and quotes regarding the tree damage caused by the recent storm. There would be some timber that could be sold.
- m. **Pollinator Habitat Grant Opportunity** - Supervisor Marcinkowski recently sent a letter stating that Fruitland Township would be interested in helping provide some acreage for pollinator habitats for requested grants done through the Conservation District.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

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Tyler Grove, 5375 McMillan Rd – Spoke to Greg Sherburn about some trash being found at Duck Lake State Park but would like to see more done.

Bob Murray, 5582 Duck Lake Rd – Suggested checking with KNM Mulching services for grinding the brush at the ecology station in the future.

Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Rd – Suggested using the leaf truck to clean out leaves at the tennis courts and that maybe a thank you card would be a good idea for vendors that give discounts. She also suggested arrows along the Nestrom Road ring parking to direct traffic. Commented that Ecology Station shouldn't make money but fees should be equal for everyone.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – Clerk Fagan commented on the recent Primary Election, which had nearly a 30% voter turnout rate. Next election will be in November and all positions for Fruitland Township does have candidates. Supervisor Marcinkowski has meetings with the Emergency manager for Muskegon County, the company working on the sale of the old office furniture. Trustee Holman reported on recent Planning Commission meeting and Trustee Graham reported on the recent WLFA meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Graham,
ADOPTED, to adjourn the August 12, 2024 Work Session of the
Township of Fruitland at 11:50 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Breann Fagan, Clerk
Township of Fruitland