

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
August 7, 2024**

PRESENT: Commissioner Bob Murray, Commissioner Mark Beegle, Commissioner Lynn Knopf and Commissioner Carlet Mitenbuler.

ABSENT: Commissioner Ellie Rae VanTongeren.

ALSO PRESENT: One interested party.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to accept the August 7, 2024 agenda as written with an addition of Lakewood property proposal to New Business.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to accept the July 1, 2024 minutes as written with one small date change.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

Chairman Murray reported receipt activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$120.00 for the month of July, 2024.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$1,875.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms, \$4,600.00 to KNM Services for forestry mulching, \$358.00 to Mosquito Joe for mosquito spray, \$2,150.00 to Spence Electric for electric at the pavilions, \$930.00 to Three Oaks Groundcover for playground mulch, and \$69.16 to TrueGreen for fertilizer for total disbursements of \$9,982.16.

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$120.00 for pavilion rentals and to pay disbursements in the amount of \$9,982.16.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Electronic locker

Chairman Murray stated that the library locker isn't getting the use the library expected, adding that there might be a possibility of sharing the locker with them and using it to store equipment for use in the park.

2. Lakewood Proposal

Chairman Murray stated that he had a discussion with Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski regarding the Parks and Recreation property on Lakewood Road, adding that the property is near the other Township properties being sold and that there is a potential of selling the property for around \$100,000.00. Chairman Murray mentioned the idea of using the money from the sale of the property for the restrooms in the park. The Commissioners decided to discuss things with Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski.

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to discuss the potential sale with Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski stated that if the Commission does decide to sell the property, the Township could match the amount that they sold it for. Commissioner Beegle said that the restrooms still cost even more than that if they do sell the property, and Supervisor Marcinkowski said that the Commission could possibly sell the Belfast property as well and use that money toward the restroom also. He added that there is a potential for an additional park at the forty-acre parcel that the Township has designated for a new community center in the future.

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

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to authorize the Township Board to put the two pieces of property up for sale with the stipulation that the money goes towards restrooms in Nestrom Road Park.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**1. Programs committee update/movie night**

Chairman Murray reminded the commissioners that the movie night is August 17th. Commissioner Knopf stated that the interest for the event is high. She added that she purchased some signs to place around the Township. Commissioner Knopf also stated that there was some information that needed to be filled out and paid for by Clerk Breann Fagan, but that she hasn't received a response. She said she would check back again this week. Commissioner Knopf stated that payment by check would save the Commission around \$56.00.

2. Baseball updates

Chairman Murray was happy to report that the controller for the scoreboard was found. He said that there are still too many keys for the storage area around, so he would still like to look into a keypad system for the door. Chairman Murray added that the field needs some attention due to weeds coming back. North Muskegon has stated that the bases aren't in the best shape, and Chairman Murray said that they are old and he is looking into replacements. He would like this item to be included in the 2025-2026 budget.

3. Tennis/pickleball court update

Chairman Murray reported that the painting of the courts moved quickly and it's complete. Chairman Murray asked Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield to print and laminate the sign for the courts. He also reported that more gates are needed on the courts for maintenance purposes, adding that the money will come out of the Township budget. A quote was presented for this job.

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the vinyl gates from Oasis Fence for \$3,620.00 for up to six additional gates.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

4. Roadway/trail update

Chairman Murray informed the commissioners that the roadway and trails have been cleared. He added that Oasis Fence provided a quote of \$1,286.00 for a gate for the roadway.

Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield mentioned a few complaints/discussions from residents using the pavilions that have said that there are issues with people going the wrong way on the ring road, and mentioned that it has become an issue on busier days. Chairman Murray suggested possibly adding painted arrows on the road for additional signage.

The commissioners also discussed the portable restrooms, and they will be removed by the end of the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3744 Jay Road – mentioned the Risk Management fall grant and said the Commission should consider applying for it for cameras or lights within the park. He added that the commissioners should research pickleball instructors and get it approved for the next budget. He also suggested that the commissioners should meet with the new Township Board right away when they take office to begin discussing wants and needs of the Commission.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Beegle stated that the park looks really nice, and he's excited about the idea of selling the two lots to get money towards the restrooms.

Commissioner Knopf stated that she likes the new courts.

Chairman Murray thanked Commissioner Knopf for her work on the movie night.

Commissioner Mitenbuler shared about an accident that took place in front of the Township. She also mentioned individuals hitting golf balls into the lake and that she spoke with them.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the August 7, 2024 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:33 PM.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary