

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
December 2, 2024**

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Ellie Rae VanTongeren.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Three interested parties.

**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 amend the December 2, 2024 agenda to include programming under “Unfinished Business.”

***4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT***

**MINUTES:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, *ADOPTED*, to accept the November 6, 2024 minutes with a few changes.

***4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT***

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**RECEIPTS:**

Chairman Murray reported receipt activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$30.00 for the month of November, 2024.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$75.22 to himself for reimbursement for dugouts, \$125.00 to Randy Smith for winterization of the park, and \$69.16 to TruGreen for fertilization, for total disbursements of \$269.38.

Motion by Bob Murray, second by Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$30.00 for pavilion rentals and to pay disbursements in the amount of \$269.38.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

**Roll Call Vote: Beegle-Aye, Knopf-Aye, Murray-Aye, Mitenburler-Aye**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **1. 2025-2026 budget**

The commissioners discussed budget items and fees associated with these items. Chairman Murray stated that the portable restroom fees will stay the same. He added that he is still waiting on a quote for cleaning the new restrooms from the individuals that clean the Township Hall. Chairman Murray reported to the group that former Trustee Vicki Graham mentioned to him that she is no longer interested in doing Senior Palooza herself, so he added that it might be a good idea for the Commission to take over the event, but he would need help. The idea of working with the Township Board for the event was also mentioned.

Chairman Murray suggested that the Commission needs to address the storage room, adding that there is no shelving or hooks for any of the items. He added that Maintenance Supervisor Arron Ferris is getting rid of some shelving units at the maintenance building, and he is going to give them to the Commission to use. Chairman Murray also added that getting some bins for nets and hooks to hang items up will benefit them in the storage room as well.

### **2. Temporary roadway/trail**

Chairman Murray stated that he and Commissioner Beegle came in after the last meeting to address the temporary roadway. He added that there are a few bigger trees that need to come down, and that the ditch line has an issue that needs to be addressed.

### **3. Property sale**

Chairman Murray reported that the Township Board approved the funds from the sale of the properties going toward the new restrooms. He added that the potential available for this could be right around \$390,000.00.

### **4. Restrooms**

Chairman Murray reported that he and Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski met with CDS to discuss the preliminary plans for the new restrooms. He said he is very happy with them. Chairman Murray said that the restrooms will not be able to operate off the current well, adding that the Commission will either need to put in a new well, or they will need to tap into the well that the Township recently installed.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to approve the preliminary restroom plan from CDS.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

### **5. Baseball news**

Chairman Murray reported that All-In Property Management came in and completed the work on the baseball field.

**6. Programming**

Commissioner Knopf reported that Patricia Whitener turned in receipts for \$472.21 from the trunk or treat event. Commissioner Knopf also shared ideas for next year's event. The commissioners discussed potential dates, and they agreed that the Saturday closest to Halloween is the best date.

Commissioner Knopf said that she will be doing a holiday craft event for kids and one for adults. The potential dates for the events are December 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Murray asked if adding refreshments for the event would be a good idea, and the commissions agreed that it would be a good addition.

Pickleball lessons were also discussed, and Commissioner Knopf said that she would like to do an event for 18 and under. She said that she anticipates the cost of the lessons to be no more than \$500.00, adding that she will have a final figure for the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Sondra Cross, 6450 Zellar Road – urged the Commission to continue Senior Palooza.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Beegle stated that he's excited about the new restrooms.

Commissioner Knopf thanked Chairman Murray for all the work on the restrooms and thanked Chairman Murray and Commissioner Beegle for their work on the temporary roadway.

Chairman Murray stated that CDS is working with a contractor who will oversee the entire job. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas in case he doesn't see anyone between the meeting and Christmas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the December 2, 2024 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:02 PM.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary