

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
January 6, 2025**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Ellie Rae VanTongeren.

ALSO PRESENT: Two 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 accept the January 6, 2025 agenda as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, **ADOPTED**, to accept the December 2, 2024 minutes as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

None.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairman Murray reported disbursements activity as \$472.21 to Patricia Whitener for reimbursement for the trunk or treat event, for total disbursements of \$472.21.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to pay disbursements in the amount of \$472.21.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**1. 2025-2026 budget**

Chairman Murray said that he is still hopeful to meet with Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski and Clerk Alexa Steffes to discuss the budget now that the holidays are over. He also mentioned that the quote for ball field maintenance will be the same for the next fiscal year. Chairman Murray said that he got a quote for the cleaning of the restrooms. The cleanings will be \$80.00 per cleaning, and coming in three times a week would result in around \$7,000.00 for cleanings. Chairman Murray pointed out that this fee would be just about the same as what the Commission is paying for portable restrooms a year.

2. Temporary roadway/trail

Chairman Murray stated that additional work for this will take place in the spring.

3. Property sale

Chairman Murray shared information regarding the sale of properties in the Township, adding that the total for all sales is currently at approximately \$380,000.00. He added that this will cover the cost of the restrooms and the reroofing of the pavilions.

4. Restrooms

Chairman Murray stated that he doesn't have any new information to report.

5. Program committee update

Commissioner Knopf reported on the December craft event, adding that quite a few individuals attended the broken glass mosaic class and really enjoyed it. She said that there is interest in doing bird houses and stepping stones, so she is planning to do those in future classes. Commissioner Knopf stated that as the weather gets warmer, she would like to do the events outdoors, adding that it would add to the ambiance, and will be easier to do considering the mess that can be made. Chairman Murray mentioned the idea of doing a craft event with the kids that come to Sports 'N Shorts, and Commissioner Knopf said that she would be happy to do so.

Chairman Murray mentioned Senior Palooza, adding that he would like to find out information regarding the budget for the event, getting contacts, and all other aspects of the event. The commissioners are going to look into this.

6. Tree trimming

Chairman Murray shared that all of the tree trimming around the tennis courts is complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3744 Jay Road – reported that there is one property left to sell, and urged the commissioners to think of other things they could do in the park since there will be additional money left over. Mentioned that the budget for the Commission has likely increased but he will get the number to them once he speaks with the Assessor. Informed the commissioners that Brad VanBergen from Winberg Construction will be at the Township Board work session to discuss the restroom project.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Murray stated that he is hopeful to schedule the meeting with Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski and Clerk Alexa Steffes very soon. He also asked the commissioners to consider items for the park that they can purchase with the additional funds from the property sales.

Commissioner Knopf suggested considering possible playground equipment pieces for younger children at the playground, and Chairman Murray said he would look into this. He also suggested possible pieces for Marcus Park since there isn't much out there for children.

Commissioner Mark Beegle said that he thinks it's a good idea to consider additional items for Marcus Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Lynn Knopf, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the January 6, 2025 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:34 PM.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary