

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
January 5, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Mark Beegle, Commissioner Lynn Knopf, Commissioner Carlet Mitenbuler and Commissioner Doug Potts.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Bob Murray.

**ALSO PRESENT:** One interested party.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Knopf called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the January 5, 2026 adding “other updates” under Unfinished Business.

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept the December 1, 2025 minutes as written.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**RECEIPTS:**

None.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Commissioner Knopf reported disbursements activity as \$125.00 to Randall Smith for winterization of the park for total disbursements of \$125.00.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to pay disbursements in the amount of \$125.00.

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

**Roll Call Vote: Beegle-Aye, Knopf-Aye, Mitenbuler-Aye, Potts-Aye**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****1. Future park projects/budget items**

Commissioner Lynn Knopf said that she made calls regarding cleaning the restrooms and she will be sending a copy of the plans to give the individuals pertinent information to make a quote since they are not completed. She also mentioned that she called TruGreen regarding their services, adding that the cost will remain the same as last year. Commissioner Knopf stated that the costs will be the same for Sport 'N Shorts, but she is waiting for a call back from Mosquito Joe. She also has a call in for a quote for pickleball lessons. Commissioner Knopf also mentioned getting some security cameras for the restrooms, and they agreed to look into this option. Commissioner Beegle and Commissioner Mitenbuler talked with Jelinek regarding the trees, and they reported that they would like to budget \$10,000.00 for tree maintenance.

For ballfield maintenance, Commissioner Knopf stated that Chairman Murray suggested an individual to contact but he is hard to reach. Commissioner Knopf will be looking into quotes. The Peeps dioramas and decorating of bird houses. They are still working on information and quotes for the car show. Commissioner Knopf also mentioned the possibility of a derby/race and she will be looking into this. Bocce ball was also discussed, and Commissioner Knopf said she will reach out to Treasurer Justin Roggero to get more information on what is needed.

Commissioner Knopf asked the others if anyone had any other ideas for the upcoming budget. Commissioner Potts mentioned the possibility of a potential fire pit area and hot chocolate. Commissioner Knopf also mentioned the idea that was previously mentioned of a Christmas tree decorating contest. Commissioner Potts also mentioned the possibility of a scavenger hunt in the trails.

Commissioner Knopf let the commissioners know that she talked to Chairman Bob Murray and he is still interested in making the trail markers

**2. Program committee updates**

No discussion.

**3. Marcus Park/ DNR property swap**

Commissioner Knopf reminded the commissioners of the potential land swap with the DNR, referencing the nearly ten acres they would acquire next to Marcus Park and they would swap it for a portion of the Wabaningo property. She also said that they have to let Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski know by March. Commissioner Beegle said that ten acres would be wonderful, adding that they could do potential trails on the property and it would be a good swap.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rules of order to discuss the land swap with Supervisor Jeff Marcinkowski.

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

Commissioner Mitenbuler suggested her concern regarding losing the playground, adding that the playground needs to remain.

Supervisor Marcinkowski said that they will have to look at the agreements and deeds regarding the property and what restrictions there may be, if any.

Commissioner Knopf mentioned the Road Commission as well, and Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that the Road Commission is in favor of a parking area because they will not pave the area currently being used for parking.

Supervisor Marcinkowski reminded the Commissioners that they agreed for the land swap to happen already, but that things haven't been kicked in gear. He said that he can go through the process but will have to look at any potential restrictions before doing so. Commissioner Knopf also mentioned the handicap dock and mat for wheelchairs, and Supervisor Marcinkowski said that he still has this information on file and he would like to investigate the possibility of grants for this work. Commissioner Beegle said that it would be a good idea to do the swap regardless due to the amazing piece of property they would be gaining. Commissioner Knopf stated that the only restriction she remembers is that Marcus Park needed to be regularly maintained or they would no longer acquire the property.

While Roberts Rules was suspended, Commissioner Knopf suggested discussing the grant with Supervisor Marcinkowski. Supervisor Marcinkowski said that in regard to the grant, he hadn't looked at anything over the holidays. He has to go through it to get for some preliminary things turned in. Supervisor Marcinkowski is waiting for the final notification from them with the grant approval. He is working with Commissioner Potts on the project and will meet with him as soon as something comes in.

The commissioners also discussed areas to add additional parking.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Mark Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to resume Roberts Rules of Order.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Beegle thanked Supervisor Marcinkowski for all his help.

Commissioner Knopf stated that she would ask Chairman Bob Murray about the group that volunteered in the park to see if they might be interested in coming back.

Commissioner Mitnebuler thanked Supervisor Marcinkowski as well.

Commissioner Potts questioned the process for brainstorming and working on projects. Commissioner Knopf told him that brainstorming can be done at any time, and he can get ideas and present them to the Commission. She said to continue bringing updates and ideas to the meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Doug Potts, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the January 5, 2026 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:57 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary