

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
July 7, 2025**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Bob Murray and Commissioner Ellie Rae VanTongeren.

ALSO PRESENT: No interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Knopf called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to accept the July 7, 2025 agenda as written.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Carlet Mitenbuler, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, to accept the June 2, 2025 minutes with one small change.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

Commissioner Knopf reported receipt activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$200.00 for the month of June 2025.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commissioner Knopf reported disbursements activity as \$975.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms, \$300.00 to Mina Ruth Screenprinting for pickleball lessons, \$150.00 to Randall Smith for summer irrigation, and \$71.58 to TruGreen for fertilizer on the baseball field, for total disbursements of \$1,496.58.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$200.00 and to pay disbursements in the amount of \$1,496.58.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Property transfer request

Commissioner Knopf read the letter from Supervisor Marcinkowski requesting that the Parks and Recreation Commission designate and/or transfer a three-acre parcel to the Township Board for a future community center. After reading the letter, Commissioner Knopf stated that she doesn't think it's a good idea to put too much at the park. Commissioner Mitenbuler said that she would be interested in hearing what the public thinks of another building being built, especially considering that it will affect taxes. Commissioner Beegle said that a three-acre parcel is a lot of property as well. It was discussed that a community building on the park property would add a great deal of traffic and noise to the park. After discussions, the commissioners all agreed that they are not in favor of any such transfer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Past projects

Commissioner Knopf stated that she had to move movie night to the first weekend in August. She added that she would get started having the information posted online.

The commissioners discussed pickleball lessons, and Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that they were great and very informative. She added that the individual is open to providing more lessons, if the Commission is interested.

2. Program committee updates

Commissioner Knopf stated that she wants to start getting information out regarding volunteers for the Trunk or Treat event.

3. Future park projects

The possibility of a container restroom was mentioned, and Commissioner Mitenbuler stated that she was just curious about them. Commissioner Knopf said that if the commissioners give the okay, things can move forward with the restrooms. Commissioner Beegle stated that it's a good decision to move forward, adding that it's an advantage of the Commission to have a permanent restroom. Commissioner Knopf stated that she trusts Chairman Murray and his work on the project. She also added that she is grateful that Supervisor Marcinkowski is willing to and is doing so much work with this project. The commissioners all agreed to move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mitenbuler thanked Supervisor Marcinkowski for all of his help and work he's been doing for the Commission.

Commissioner Knopf thanked the commissioners for their patience with her. She also said that the restrooms are very much needed.

Commissioner Beegle agreed with Commissioner Knopf about the restrooms being needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the July 7, 2025 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:25 PM.

3AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary