

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

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Bob Murray.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Five interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Knopf called the meeting to order at 6:11p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, *ADOPTED*, to accept the October 6, 2025 agenda as written.

*3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY*

**MINUTES:** Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, *ADOPTED*, to accept the August 6, 2025 minutes with one small change.

*3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3744 Jay Road – told the commissioners of the individuals interested in being appointed to the Commission. He asked the commissioners if they would like to review the candidates and if they would like to have them attend a meeting.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, *ADOPTED*, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order.

*3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY*

Commissioner Mitenbuler said that it would be good to chat with the candidates even though the Township Board will ultimately decide who will take the seat. The commissioners agreed that they would like to have everyone that is interested attend the November meeting.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to resume Robert's Rules of Order.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY**

**RECEIPTS:**

Commissioner Knopf reported receipt activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$150.00 for the months of August and September 2025.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Commissioner Knopf reported disbursements activity as \$1,406.00 to Allen Entertainment for movie night, \$2,325.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms at Nestrom Road and Marcus Parks, \$71.58 to TruGreen for the baseball field, and \$4,500.00 to Whitehall District Schools for Sports 'N Shorts for total disbursements of \$8,302.58.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$150.00 and to pay disbursements in the amount of \$8,302.58.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Restrooms/container restrooms – BLOX and Winberg Construction**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to discuss the container restrooms with BLOX and Winberg Construction.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY**

Burton Cardwell, Director of Business Development at BLOX, introduced himself and his partners Michael McKendrick and Mike Turner. He informed the commissioners about shipping containers, the materials they are made from, and how a restroom would be constructed using them. The commissioners asked questions regarding the flooring, how plumbing and electrical would be installed, and shared their concerns about using the containers for the restrooms.

Brad VanBergen from Winberg Construction informed the commissioners on the masonry side of construction. It was asked what the lifespan of this type of construction would be, and he informed them that 50-75 years is typical, however, they have buildings they've seen last upwards of 130 years. Mr. VanBergen told the commissioners that the roof would be the main difference.

The commissioners asked Supervisor Marcinkowski if they have to wait to move forward with the restrooms to see what will happen with budgeting as previously mentioned to them, but Supervisor Marcinkowski said that it's no longer a concern and they can move forward when they're ready.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to resume Robert's Rules of Order.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY**

The commissioners agreed to further discuss the restrooms and possibly make a decision at their November meeting.

## **2. Program committee updates**

Commissioner Knopf stated that she made the decision to do the Trunk or Treat event on Halloween this year, adding that it's a Friday evening from 5:00 – 7:00p.m. The commissioners agreed that this date would work. Commissioner Knopf asked Commissioner Beegle if he would be able to help at this year's event since Commissioner Mitenbuler will be out of town, and he said that he will be able to. Commissioner Knopf mentioned that Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield will be creating the sign-up sheet for volunteers and trunks. Mary Mansfield also suggested to Commissioner Knopf that she look at the website information dedicated to the Trunk or Treat event to let her know how it should be updated.

## **3. Future park projects/budget items**

Commissioner Knopf stated that the restrooms are top priority right now. She mentioned to the commissioners the possibility of doing another movie night. Commissioner Knopf said that a lot of feedback received about the movie night included that people would've liked to have seen a more family friendly movie. The commissioners agreed to think about whether they would like to try the event again and also will be considering other potential budget items to discuss at the November meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3744 Jay Road – mentioned to the commissioners that he applied for the DNR Passport Grant and got a preliminary score of 100 up to 190. Results should be coming in very soon. He reminded the commissioners that funding from the sale of the properties will also include putting new shingles on the pavilions and concrete around the playground to extend to pavilion one.

### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Beegle apologized for being late to the meeting. He also added that he's looking forward to getting the Commission's projects going.

Commissioner Knopf stated that she's excited to have bathrooms installed. She also thanked Supervisor Marcinkowski for all of his support and work he's put in.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the October 6, 2025, scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:05 PM.

**3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary