

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
November 5, 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 6:00p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, *ADOPTED*, to accept the November 5, 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 October 6, 2025 minutes as written.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

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

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commissioner Knopf reported disbursements activity as \$600.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms at Nestrom Road and Marcus Parks for total disbursements of \$600.00.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts in the amount of \$150.00 and to pay disbursements in the amount of \$600.00.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Commission candidates

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Mark Beegle, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to have a discussion with the candidates for the open Commissioner seat.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY

One candidate, Timothy Bazany, introduced himself to everyone and gave his background. He asked questions regarding what the Commission is looking for.

A second candidate, Doug Potts, introduced himself and gave his background.

A third candidate, Karri Schmeihil, introduced herself and gave her background. She stated that she isn't necessarily interested in the seat on the Commission but said she would love to help by volunteering.

Treasurer Justin Roggero introduced himself to the commissioners and said that he is willing to help the Commission as needed. He mentioned a few ideas for the park as well, including bocce ball, pickleball tournaments, and more horseshoe pits.

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

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY

2. Future events

The commissioners discussed ideas for future events, such as a car show and a Peeps diorama contest. The commissioners will be discussing further ideas at upcoming meetings.

3. Pickleball court usage

Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield informed the commissioners of the email request that came into the Township regarding reserving the pickleball courts. The commissioners discussed the idea, concluding that they would have to develop standards for this moving forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Restrooms/container restrooms

Vice Chair Lynn Knopf mention to the commissioners that Chairman Bob Murray weighed in on the restrooms and he would like to see permanent restrooms rather than a container restroom. She added that while he is unable to vote, he wanted his opinion on the matter brought to the Commission's attention.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Carlet Mitenbuler, **ADOPTED**, to approve the installation of permanent restrooms to be completed by Winberg Construction.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY

Commissioner Mitenbuler said that she wanted it to be known that she is in favor of a container restroom.

2. Program committee updates

Commissioner Knopf discussed the Trunk or Treat event. She said that while there weren't as many trunks as there have been in past years, there were still quite a few participants. She mentioned things that went well and things she thinks could use some improvement, adding that she would like to have games at pavilion two next year and possibly a haunted forest.

3. Future park projects/budget items

The commissioners agreed that they would still like to support Sports 'N Shorts for the upcoming budget year. A car show is something the commissioners agreed that they would like to look into as well as food and/or popcorn for the games at the baseball field.

Commissioner Knopf stated that when she was putting things together for the Trunk or Treat event, she noticed that some of the posts for the pavilion are getting soft, so that is something the Commission will need to look into for the next budget. The commissioners will be contacting the Building Official, Val Jensen, to look at the current issue and advise the Commission on what to do.

Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield reminded the commissioners that they have previously discussed a 5K in the park as well.

4. Fencing

Commissioner Knopf stated that the fencing still needs to be completed.

5. Tree work

The commissioners agreed that they need to take a look throughout the park to determine what trees need to be trimmed or taken down for safety reasons. One of the commissioners will complete a walk through of the park with someone from Jelinek to see what they suggest.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3744 Jay Road – likes the idea of a 5K and said he would help out. He mentioned that there used to be bike races and 10K in the park. Supervisor Marcinkowski said that he's also on board with bocce ball. He said that the commissioners need to contact North Muskegon in regard to moving the baseball field fence back now that they are done using the field. Supervisor Marcinkowski mentioned that Manny Cisneros, former Trustee and current Fruitland Township Resident, contacted him about a Christmas tree giveaway and that they will be using one of the pavilions to do so. He also mentioned ideas of corn hole tournaments and soap box derbies.

In terms of the pickleball court usage, he likes the idea of first come, first served. He added that residents should have precedents. When applying for grants, Supervisor Marcinkowski stated that they would like to know that the park is open and there are no fees.

2. Timothy Bazany, 4683 W. Michillinda Road – mentioned that there is a White Lake pickleball group, adding that Whitehall Township does reservations for their courts and they do charge for groups and tournaments.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mitenbuler thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for all of their helpful suggestions.

Commissioner Knopf said that she very much likes the idea of working together. She also likes the idea of the first come, first served idea for usage.

Commissioner Beegle thanked everyone for coming and for their interest in the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the November 5, 2025, scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:28 PM.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT, 1 VACANCY

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary