

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
WORK SESSION MEETING
MAY 11, 2026 MINUTES**

PRESENT – Supervisor Marcinkowski, Trustee Brower, Treasurer Roggero, Trustee Holman, Clerk Steffes, Trustee VanOosterhout

ABSENT – Trustee Cross

ALSO PRESENT – (6) Six interested parties + Attorney McGahan

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Marcinkowski called the May 11, 2026, Work Session Meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA - Motion by Trustee Holman, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to accept the May 11, 2026 Work Session Township Board Meeting Agenda as amended.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PRESENTATIONS –

- a. **White Lake Association – Clean Boats Clean Waters Initiative-** Sara Kane-Smart stated they received grant funding to replacing the tools located at the boat launches around White Lake. Robert Smart introduced himself as the President of White Lake Association and asked Fruitland Township to consider ongoing funding to support the upkeep of monitoring White Lake, requested \$1,000 per year. They are working on additional grants for more sensors and more testing.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Treasurer Roggero, **ADOPTED**, to suspend Roberts Rules for the duration of Presentations.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

- b. **Planning Commission 5/7 Meeting-** update provided by Trustee Holman
- c. **CAC No Spray in the Road Right of Way** – Lin Wiedrich advised the CAC worked with MCRC to get information about the No Spray in the ROW program and provided the information to the Clerk to place on the website. They submitted quotes to the board for 200-yard signs as well as recycled cardstock and t-shirts for a “Bee Friendly Michigan” program. Clerk Steffes explained the process to opt-out of spraying

through the road commission. Trustee VanOosterhout inquired why the township would fund different signs when they are available through the road commission.

Motion by Supervisor Marcinkowski, second by Trustee Holman,
ADOPTED, to reinstate Roberts Rules.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS –

- a. **April 2026 Check disbursement report-** will be placed on file
- b. **April 2026 PINS report-** will be placed on file
- c. **April 2026 Revenue and Expenditure report-** will be placed on file
- d. **April 2026 Zoning Admin report-** will be placed on file
- e. **Master Plan Steering Committee – 4/27** – there will be a housing related meeting on 5/14, results of the survey will be provided to the board
- f. **Free Dump and Electronics Recycling Day – May 16 – 8am-4pm**
- g. **Township audit will take place June 15 and 16**
- h. **Synopsis of Meeting Minutes-** published in MLIVE monthly, will be placed on file
- i. **Tranquil Trail Road Project – approved at Public Hearing May 6, 2026 at 5:30PM-** the signed resolution has been submitted to MCRC
- j. **Senior Palooza – June 27 – All Board members welcome to attend**
- k. **WRLS – SPLKA** requested Historical Marker for WRLS, their application is being reviewed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **VC3 – Proposal for replacing server-** New Server proposal: \$26,641.76. Trustee VanOosterhout inquired if we were to move to BSA Cloud, if we could get a smaller server and cut the price.
- b. **Feasibility study – NMP Duck Lake Rd to Duck Lake State Park Entrance-** DNR was not in favor of having the pathway continue to the DLSP Entrance. There were other options provided. A boardwalk from Duck Lake Road to Marcus Park would not require a permit from EGLE. They have seen permits for paved paths approved through EGLE, so a paved path or a boardwalk are still feasible options. Another option presented was to go down Duck Lake Road to Nestrom and connect to the State Park through Wabaningo. Funding for the pathway is sitting in HUD, but it can take up to 2 years for the funds to be released.
- c. **Solicitation Concerns in the Township-** Supervisor Marcinkowski will look into sample ordinances

d. Capital Project – Nestrom Park – Lights, Cameras, WiFi- The project did not get chosed for appropriated funding. P&R is asking the board to consider capital funding for this project for next year. More details need to be determined before approval is considered.

e. Letter – Scott St Pierre – 40 acres Blank and Lakewood

f. GMED Developer Day

g. New Parking - Nestrom Park – in conjunction with DNR Grant Accessible Pathway-proposal from Asphalt Paving, is \$49,700, which would come out of the Road Fund. OCBA (contractor for Accessible Pathway) will put out a bid for both the accessible pathway and the parking in Nestrom Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Lin Wiedrich- advised the signs they are requesting could have a QR code for people to scan which could lead people back to the website showing how to opt-out of road spraying.

BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION –

Trustee VanOosterhout advised he went to the MTA conference and listed his takeaways including conversations regarding short-term rental, board member zoom attendance at board meetings, housing affordability, data centers.

Supervisor Marcinkowski advised the last structure of the Nestrom Drain before it goes to White Lake was blown out in the heavy storms we had. It is not covered by insurance and Supervisor Marcinkowski is looking for quotes for repairs. He also requested the electric and gas turned off at 3319 Scenic- Beck Residence- and since they have not scheduled the demolition he will be moving forward with Press's for demolition. He will be inquiring with our attorney regarding if the garage should be taken down as well so it is not nonconforming use.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Cross Holman, second by Trustee Brower, **ADOPTED**, to adjourn the May 11, 2026 Work Session of the Township of Fruitland at 11:55 AM.

Upon Voice Vote: 6 AYES – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexa Steffes, Clerk
Township of Fruitland