FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
October 5, 2026

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Carlet Mitenbuler and Commissioner Bob Murray.

ALSO PRESENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Lynn Knopf called the meeting to order at 6:10p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the October 5, 2026, agenda as written.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Mark Beegle, ***ADOPTED***, to accept the September 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes and the September 23, 2026, special meeting minutes as written.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

RECEIPTS:
None.

DISBURSEMENTS:
Commissioner Knopf reported disbursements activity as $485.00 to Kerkstra for portable restrooms, and $156.94 to Mutt Mitt for replacement disposal bags for total disbursements of $641.94.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Carlet Mitenbuler, ***ADOPTED***, to pay disbursements in the amount of $641.94.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Fall fest

The commissioners discussed ideas for the event, including face painting, crafts, corn hole, a firepit, photo booth and a petting zoo. The commissioners agreed to approve the option that is $500 for three hours. For the games and prizes, the commissioners discussed gift cards and/or art classes. There will be a craft for younger children as well as a pumpkin decorating contest for older children. The commissioners agreed to have the residents vote, so there will be an avenue to vote on the website.

2. Next year's budget

Commissioner Knopf mentioned the kayak launch at Marcus Park. The commissioners also discussed trees. Commissioner Knopf also mentioned the idea of a chili cookoff, considering police versus firefighters.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second by Doug Potts, ***ADOPTED***, to take all unspent money from the budget and roll it over to the Parks and Recreation Specialty Fund or create a new fund.

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

3. Park maintenance updates

Commissioner Knopf said that she again passed along the picnic table issue and stated that Maintenance Supervisor Arron Ferris is on it. She also said she wants the markers for the trails in place before winter.

4. Restrooms

The commissioners discussed what they would like to see for the restrooms moving forward, and Commissioner Knopf stated that she passed the recommendation to hire a staff member to the Township Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Knopf said that she is having the youth soccer coach come to next month's meeting. She also added that she is looking forward to the fall fest.

Commissioner Doug Potts thanked Commissioner Knopf for all her help with the fall fest.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Doug Potts, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the October 5, 2026, scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 6:53 PM**.**

3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary