

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
January 2, 2018**

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Williamson, Commissioner Greg Barrett, Commissioner Thomas Tisue and Commissioner Maribeth Picard

ABSENT: Commissioner Brian Mathiot

ALSO PRESENT: A number of interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Mark Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS A number of interested parties.

AGENDA: Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Maribeth Picard, *ADOPTED*, to approve the January 2, 2018 agenda as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Mark Williamson, second from Tom Tisue, *ADOPTED*, to accept the December 4, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Chris Murray, 5582 Duck Lake Road – mentioned that guidelines are not enforceable, but rules and regulations are. She suggested that the Commission create rules and regulations for the Disc Golf Course, possibly even an ordinance.
2. Bob Murray, 5582 Duck Lake Road – stated that the Commission should consider Sports N Shorts for their budget. He also stated that the Commission should look at safety related issues for their budget.
3. Lynn Knopf, 4328 Mystic Lane – questioned why the Disc Golf Course isn't listed under "Unfinished Business" on the agenda. She also questioned whether it can be proven that the tree guards in place are a success. Knopf also asked if any professionals have been called into the course.
4. Terrie Hampel, 6171 Duck Lake Road – stated she is a "cheerleader" for the Commission. Hampel suggested a brainstorming meeting of approximately three members to discuss future projects. She mentioned that Duck Creek is listed on a list of water trails along the lakeshore, and suggested possibly creating a trail to go along the creek, possibly to the Duck Creek Natural Area. Hampel also suggested that the Commissioners look into attending the MTA Conference.

RECEIPTS:

Chairman Williamson reported receipts activity as disc golf donations in the amount of \$10.00 for the month December 2017.

Motion by Mark Williamson, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$10.00 from Disc Golf donations for the month of December 2017.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

DISBURSEMENTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. NHS Volunteering

Commissioner Picard stated that she hasn't spoke with the Director from Whitehall.

2. Pavilion Door Replacement

Commissioner Mathiot not in attendance to report.

3. Tree trimming

Commissioner Barrett reported that Stafford is out of town, but that he will be contacting him when he returns. Commissioner Barrett added that the \$2,500.00 in the quote covers the pavilion area. He added that everything will be completed before the end of the fiscal year.

4. Baseball fence capping

Chairman Williamson reported that 1,300 feet of the capping and utilities ties for the drainage material to be used totals \$690.58 from Lowe's. He added that it will be ordered after February 3rd.

Motion by Mark Williamson, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED**, to accept the quote from Lowe's in the amount of \$690.58 for the material to cap the fence.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

5. Park registration

Commissioner Tissue stated that "registration" isn't the correct word for what he would like implemented for the park. He added that it's not a condition of using the park, but he would somehow like to track the heavy traffic and the amount of use the park is now seeing. Chairman Williamson stated that he likes the idea, and asked Commissioner Tissue if he would develop some questions to post on the website as a starting point. He added possibly putting it on a social media site.

6. Park rules and regulations

Chairman Williamson stated that he is still working on the document, and he may contact the Township Attorney, Kevin Even, for his assistance.

7. Future Projects

Commissioner Picard gave the commissioners each a copy of section 7 of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, stating that it's important to follow. She added that she realizes the goals for Duck Lake Road Park may change with the natural area project. Commissioner Picard stated that she would like to see more work completed at Marcus Park, especially in regards to parking, adding that it will take several years to complete. Commissioner Tissue stated that the budget focuses on the facilities, and that it should be a matter of policy and priority. He added that none of the commissioners are natural

resource managers, and suggested the Commission look into hiring one. Chairman Williamson stated that he agreed it would be a good idea to look into such an option and would like to add it to the 2018-2019 budget if a quote can be given in time.

8. 2018-19 Budget

Management to natural areas will be added on the budget. Commissioner Picard stated that she would like to see benches added at Nestrom Road Park, adding that handicap accessibility needs to be considered. She said she would like to see these items on the budget. Commissioner Picard stated that the Commission should use the five-year plan to guide them. Commissioner Picard will be getting quotes for a handicap walk way to add to the budget request.

The commissioners discussed the Sports N Shorts program, agreeing to partner with White Lake Community Education to have the program take place. Chairman Williamson reported that there are more resources available at the Community Education building, which will be better for the students. The commissioners also agreed that they would like to see the kids at Nestrom Road Park at least a few days. Commissioner Tissue questioned whether anything was being looked into with the tennis courts, and Chairman Williamson responded that he is still waiting on quotes for repair. Commissioner Tissue stated that everything reflects priorities and they're not tied to policies. Chairman Williamson stated that all of the commissioners should be working members of the Commission, and they should all be working together for the projects and to see what is happening at the Parks. He added that everyone has to come up with ideas and research them before they can be added to the budget. Commissioner Barrett will be looking into new playground equipment and Commissioner Picard will be looking into parking at Marcus Park.

Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Mark Williamson, **ADOPTED**, to partner with White Lake Community Education for the Sports N Shorts Program to total \$1,500.00 on the 2018-19 budget.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

UPDATES:

None.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mark Williamson, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the January 2, 2018 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 8:32 PM.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary