

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
SCHEDULED MEETING  
October 5, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Herb Huch, Commissioner Bob Murray, Commissioner Sue Sawyer and Commissioner Svensson

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Lynn Knopf (phoned in)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Three interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Svensson called the meeting to order at 4:29p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Sue Sawyer, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to accept the October 5, 2020 agenda as written.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Herb Huch, second from Sue Sawyer, **ADOPTED**, to approve the September 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes as written.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**RECEIPTS:**

Chairperson Svensson reported receipts activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$75.00 for the month September 2020.

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Chairperson Svensson reported disbursements activity as \$190.00 to Kerkstra for the portable restroom and \$116.00 to Ludington Daily News for an ordinance notice for total disbursements of \$306.00

Motion by Herb Huch, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to approve the receipts of \$75.00 for pavilion rentals and to pay total disbursements of \$306.00.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

**Roll Call Vote: Huch-Aye, Svensson-Aye, Murray-Aye, Sawyer-Aye**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****1. Master Plan**

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Sue Sawyer, *ADOPTED*, to accept the content of the Master Plan.

***4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT***

**2. Project update**

Commissioner Murray stated that he had a conversation with Maintenance Supervisor Arron Ferris regarding the locked box on the flag pole at the baseball field. He is going to be removing the locked box on the flag pole so the North Muskegon Youth Baseball League is able to put flags up for their events.

Chairperson Svensson mentioned that Supervisor Jeske wouldn't give her the contact information for the vendor the Township uses for sprinklers/winterization. Recording Secretary tried explaining that this is due to him no longer being with a company and working on his own for us. Chairperson Svensson stated that if he's working for the Township, he should expect he could call from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The commissioners discussed the agreement with the North Muskegon Youth Baseball League, and Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield will be distributing the sample agreement to the commissioners for review. The Commission will look at this agreement and make decisions moving forward.

Commissioner Sawyer stated that the league will need more stone dust for the field.

The grill is being worked on. The commissioners agreed to wait to install it until after the winter.

Commissioner Murray stated that he may finally be able to order lumber for the horseshoe pit.

Signage will be discussed at the next meeting including quotes. Commissioner Knopf shared ideas for the signs, such as possibly partnering with the Township for a sign at Duck Lake Road Park to be included in the sign for the parking lot at the natural area that is being installed. The commissioners agreed that getting the Township Board's input and working together on signage is a good idea. Chairperson Knopf stated that Shawn Zimmerman from Port City Signs will be invited to the November meeting to make a presentation and answer any questions.

Commissioner Knopf stated that the lines on the tennis courts can be repainted this week.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Sue Sawyer, *ADOPTED*, to approve the painting of the lines on the tennis courts for \$750.00.

***4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT***

Commissioner Murray stated that there has been a lot of time spent marking which trees need to be trimmed in the park, adding that many along the driveway out of the park need to be taken care of. He added that there is also some deadwood that will be removed near the playground and that it will be elevated. He has spoken with Kyle Jelinek and will be getting another quote.

The picnic tables are in and will be installed as soon as Maintenance Supervisor Arron Ferris gets a chance.

The new playground has been installed. Commissioner Murray stated that a few small things need attention, but that it is completely safe for kids to play on.

### **3. Minutes from joint meeting with the Township Board**

Chairperson Svensson stated that she reached out to Supervisor Jeske regarding the minutes not having enough “meat” in them, and in doing so, was told that nothing can be added to the minutes because they’ve already been approved by the Township Board.

### **4. 2021-2022 Budget ideas**

The roadway at Nestrom Road Park is one item the commissioners agreed to have listed as a budget request for the upcoming budget. The commissioners will come to the next meeting with more ideas for the budget as well.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom Road – questioned having the tennis courts painted when tennis season is over and more work being done on them to ruin the paint lines again. Stated it might be a good idea to wait to save the money.

### **COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Murray stated that a lot of volunteer hours were put in while installing the new playground, and he thanked Carlet Mitenbuler, Susan Sawyer and his wife, Christine Murray, for their work helping with the equipment.

Commissioner Huch stated that communication is important and added that as soon as the new commissioners and board members take over, communication needs to begin right away. He added that they all need to work together.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Herb Huch, **ADOPTED** to adjourn the October 5, 2020 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 5:21 PM.

**4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary