

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
May 7, 2018**

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg Barrett, Commissioner Mathiot, Commissioner Thomas Tisue and Commissioner Maribeth Picard

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: A number of interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Brian Mathiot called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS A number of interested parties.

AGENDA: Motion by Maribeth Picard, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to amend the May 7, 2018 agenda to include a baseball field update under “New Business.”

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

MINUTES: Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to accept the April 2, 2018 regular meeting minutes and the April 19, 2018 special meeting minutes.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Bob Murray, 5582 Duck Lake Road – stated that trees need to be sprayed immediately.
2. Robert Penny, 5830 Duck Lake Road – trees need to be sprayed immediately.
3. Mike Murray, 5800 Duck Lake Road – Oak Wilt is entirely preventable.
4. Lynn Weidrich, 3348 Nestrom Road – wants to protect our natural resources.
5. Hoyt Fonger, 5538 Duck Lake Road – thankful for temporary closure.

RECEIPTS:

Vice Chairman Mathiot reported receipts activity as Township Park pavilion rental, for total receipts of \$400.00 for the month April 2018.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$400.00 from Township Park pavilion rental for the month of March 2018.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

DISBURSEMENTS:

Vice Chairman Mathiot reported disbursements activity as \$140.00 to TruGreen for Nestrom ball field fertilizer.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements of \$140.00.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

Roll Call Vote for Receipts and Disbursements: Picard-Aye, Barrett-Aye, Tisue-Aye, Mathiot-Aye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**1. Nestrom Road Park Ordinance/regulations**

Motion by Tom Tisue, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to table discussions until the June 4, 2018 meeting.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 VACANCY

2. Playground Equipment

Vice Chairman Mathiot stated that things are still being looked into, and that grant money is possible for playground equipment, along with \$30,000 from the Township Board.

3. White Lake Disc Golf Club Agreement termination or amendment

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED**, to terminate the White Lake Disc Golf Club Agreement effective immediately.

3 AYES, 1 NAY (Tisue), 1 VACANCY

4. Disc Golf Course

Vice Chairman Mathiot stated he feels as if it's time to move forward. He added that he thinks a seasonal closure of April 15 to July 15 per DNR recommendations would be the best idea to prevent the infestation of Oak Wilt, and the course would remain open the rest of the year. Mathiot stated that this would give the Commission ample time to make decisions moving forward for all parks in Fruitland Township. He stated that his hope is that the goal of everyone is natural resource protection, and that everyone will still want to help with things moving forward, regardless of what side of the fence they are on. Mathiot also stated that moving forward, if the Commission is not able to figure out ways to proactively protect the course and the natural resources of the township, he would like to have a seasonal closure every year.

Motion by Brian Mathiot, second from Tom Tisue, **ADOPTED**, to keep the Disc Golf Course closed until July 15th keeping with the DNR recommendations of April 15th to July 15th as a preventative step to protect the course.

3 AYES, 1 NAY (Barrett), 1 VACANCY

5. Baseball field update

Commissioner Picard spoke with North Muskegon regarding using the field, and they are unable to use the field this year. She added that they are more than willing to help get the field ready and playable for next year. Vice Chairman Mathiot asked whether this project would be something the NHS students could help with, and Commissioner Picard stated she would look into it.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Resource Oversight Committee**

Vice Chairman Mathiot suggested tabling the discussions until the August 6th meeting, but Commissioner Barrett stated that he would like to get things together sooner so the Commission can move things forward. Commissioner Tisue Agreed.

The commissioner's agreed that they need to determine the means of distribution for interest in the ROC, and they need to identify the guidelines and qualifications for the individuals and expert on the committee. Commissioner Picard questioned whether the ROC would be carrying out all plans and having the say in what happens, and she was informed that they will help with a plan, but the Commission will make all final decisions regarding the park. Commissioner Picard questioned whether there would be a residential requirement to be on the ROC, and the commissioners agreed that they would have to be Fruitland residents. Commissioner Barrett stated that he would like to see the ROC come to the Parks and Recreation meetings to give updates.

Commissioner Tisue suggested that the Commission complete the survey of the parcels they are responsible for before moving forward with anything in regards to the ROC or the park. It was suggested that he reach out to Shawna Meyer, who has already completed some work at Nestrom Road Park. Commissioner Picard suggested thinking outside the box in regards to the Natural Resource survey and the individual(s) that complete it. Vice Chairman Mathiot questioned whether the survey would have to be completed every year, and Commissioner Tisue stated that once it's complete it wouldn't need to be done again for some time.

Commissioner Barrett suggested putting up more tree blockers.

UPDATES:

None.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mark Williamson, second from Greg Barrett, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the April 2, 2018 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:55 PM.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary