

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
June 5, 2017**

PRESENT: Chairperson Lynn Knopf, Commissioner Greg Barrett, Commissioner Brian Mathiot, Commissioner Maribeth Picard, and Commissioner Thomas Tisue.

ABSENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Knopf called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS Trustee Terrie Hampel.

AGENDA: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Tom Tisue, **ADOPTED**, to accept the June 5 2017 agenda.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, accept the May 1, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:
No public comment.

RECEIPTS:

Chairperson Knopf reported receipts activity as Township Park pavilion rental in the amount of \$100.00 and disc golf donations in the amount of \$195.84, for total receipts of \$295.84 for the month of May 2017.

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Maribeth Picard, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$225.00 for the month of April 2017.

Roll Call Vote: Mathiot-Aye, Tisue-Aye, Barrett-Aye, Knopf-Aye, Picard-Aye.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairperson Knopf reported disbursements activity as \$330.00 to Kerstra, \$77.37 to Greg Barrett for the disc golf course donation box, \$275.84 to Weber Lumber for treated lumber, \$115.00 to Porter Steel for the donation box pole, and \$446.14 to Mark Williamson for paint, graphics and a sign for total disbursements of \$1,244.35

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Brian Mathiot, **ADOPTED**, to pay total disbursements of \$1,244.35.

Roll Call Vote: Picard-Aye, Knopf-Aye, Barrett-Aye, Tisue-Aye, Mathiot-Aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Patrick Bouman – Eagle Scout Project

No update. Patrick wasn't present and no work has begun on the project.

2. Disc golf course update

Commissioner Barrett reported that there has been positive feedback on the course, as well as a lot of play. In terms of the worry about erosion, signs have been put up to help. He also said that there is an Eagle Scout project on erosion, so they will be helping with the disc golf course and areas of concern. Commissioner Barrett said that six benches have been put in that were made and donated by Mark Williamson. He added that there are five trash containers, and he's looking to eventually get more. Chairperson Knopf questioned if the Township maintenance is in charge of taking care of the trash, and Commissioner Barrett reported that he was unsure, but that liners have been put in. Commissioner Barrett also reported that the t-pads for the course will be put in on June 17th, with this also being an Eagle Scout project. He added that the bulk of the course will be complete once the t-pads are in place. The commissioners discussed having an introduction to disc golf for residents and individuals who don't know how to play.

3. NHS volunteering

The commissioners are all supportive of the NHS students completing work within the Township/parks as it will decrease the Township funds being used. They are looking forward to taking care of some of the items that haven't been completed due to budget constraints. The commissioners discussed what ideas were brought regarding projects for the students, including working on the bleachers at Nestrom Road Park, the stairs, the pavilion, invasive species within the township, an "Ace Hole" to prevent graffiti on the disc golf course, and more. Commissioner Picard will forward the list to Mary Mansfield for placement on the Township's website. The waiver will also be placed on the website.

4. Tru-Green update

Chairperson Knopf reported that Tru-Green comes out four times a year. Commissioner Tisue stated that he did not contact Tru-Green about what chemicals are used on the field, but stated that if they are up to date on their licensing, he is okay with what they're doing.

5. Website article

Chairperson Knopf stated that this is still in process.

6. Pavilion door replacement

Commissioner Mathiot stated that he made two calls, but has not yet completed the quote process. Chairperson Knopf stated that the group could communicate about this via email.

7. Tennis courts

Chairperson Knopf stated that she would like to add the tennis courts to the Master Plan. Commissioner Tisue stated that he found Chairperson Knopf to be asserting that she made the right choice in just patching the courts this year. She responded that the whole commission voted on what to do with the tennis courts, and added that the Township Board recommended that the commission just patch and repaint the course this year. Commissioner Knopf stated that the decision and work was not a one-person effort. Commissioner Tisue then stated that he would

like to see alternatives to total replacement of the courts. Commissioner Mathiot stated that alternatives do not exist until the tennis courts are placed in the Master Plan. The group agreed that they could still seek ideas, but that it would be part of the discussions during the Master Plan update.

8. Park inspection

Chairperson Knopf reported that Duck Lake Road Park needs attention. She stated that it needs to be mowed, leaves need to be blown off the basketball court, and weed killer needs to be used, as weeds are coming through the cracks of the court. Chairperson Knopf also stated that the trash can has been removed from the park. She reported that Marcus Park has a board on a picnic table that needs to be fixed. At Nestrom Road Park, the grills are full and need to be emptied.

Commissioner Knopf reported that the far pavilion needs attention, including the cleaning of the picnic tables and sweeping it out. She added that prior to the meeting, she talked to some of the individuals that were out at the baseball field. They had recommended having some form of concessions there, possibly even a pop machine. They also said that a weed killer needs to be put on the field, as well as chalk lines. Chairperson Knopf stated that she believes this is something former Commissioner Steve Urban did when he was taking care of the field.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. July meeting

The commissioners decided that it would be best to cancel the July meeting and move it to August 7, 2017.

UPDATES:

Chairperson Knopf commented on the plans for the acreage behind the fire barn, and discussions regarding the acreage the Parks and Recreation Commission has jurisdiction over. The commissioners all agreed to make no decisions regarding their property until plans are in place for the property behind theirs.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Picard asked about a map of Marcus Park, and Commissioner Tissue stated that a survey has to be on file from when a portion of the property was given away. She also asked about the soccer nets at Nestrom Road Park, and the possibility of creating a field for using of possible games and practices. Commissioner Picard will be looking into this further.

Chairperson Knopf mentioned the memo that was sent to the commissioners by Supervisor Jeske earlier in the day regarding the portable restroom at Marcus Park. The commissioners didn't agree with the response. They showed satisfaction that they had some reasoning finally given, but Chairperson Knopf stated that discussions have taken place with the Muskegon County Road Commission and Kerkstra, and the points given in the memo did not match the information that the commission has been given, such as the MCRC stating it to be dangerous and any company who would place the portable restroom having difficulty placing and maintaining it. It was also pointed out that a portable restroom and parking at Marcus Park are in the Master Plan that was approved by the Township Board, leaving the commissioners feeling as if this reason alone requires these items to be revisited. The commissioners agreed to move forward with pursuing the placement of a portable restroom at the park.

Chairperson Knopf also suggested looking at the possibility of renting the second pavilion moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Greg Barrett, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the June 5, 2017 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 8:23 PM.

5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary