

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
August 7, 2019**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Lynn Knopf (phoned in).

ALSO PRESENT: One interested party.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Svensson called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Herb Huch, second from Lynn Knopf, *ADOPTED*, accept the August 7, 2019 agenda as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Lynn Knopf, second from Herb Huch, *ADOPTED*, to approve the July 1, 2019 regular meeting minutes and the July 18, 2019 work session as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

RECEIPTS:

Chairperson Svensson reported receipts activity as pavilion rentals in the amount of \$125.00 for the month July 2019.

Motion by Herb Huch, second from Bob Murray, *ADOPTED*, to accept receipts for \$125.00 from pavilion rentals for the month of July 2019.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

DISBURSEMENTS:

Chairperson Svensson reported disbursements activity as \$215.00 to Kerkstra for the portable restroom and extra cleaning for July 4th, \$56.65 to TruGreen for fertilization, \$18.61 to Integrity Business Solutions for copies of the survey placed in the tax bills, and \$52.75 to PNC for tennis net center straps and head bands, for total disbursements of \$343.01

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Herb Huch, *ADOPTED*, to pay total disbursements of \$343.01.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Grant application

The application of intent was accepted and now the Commission will move on to filling out the entire application. This application is more more detailed and will include a break-down of the budget.

Commissioner Murray stated that his brother helped with the process, adding that he offered to help complete the application as well.

2. Park signage

There are quite a few concerns regarding park rules and regulations. Commissioner Murray stated that there are too many different versions of the rules out there. Commissioner Huch stated that in terms of issues with dogs not on leashes, the County rules trump Township rules. Commissioner Murray stated that it might be a good idea to have an enclosed area for dogs so dogs aren't discouraged from coming to the park. Chairperson Svensson suggested changing the signage in the fall and letting the PINS officer know of the change. The commissioners agreed to have a work session in October to do the research on rules and regulations.

3. Duck Lake Road Park

Chairperson Svensson said that it recently came to her attention that the Parks and Recreation Commission do still have jurisdiction over a portion of Duck Lake Road Park. She questioned as to whether the basketball hoops, picnic table and grill are the Commission's property since they are on the land that is now the White Lake Fire Authority's, and the group agreed that if they are, they need to take possession of the items and place them into storage.

4. Master Plan completion

The commissioners agreed to get together to finish the Master Plan in a work session in September.

5. Property disposition

Commissioner Knopf stated that she completed some research and handed out materials pertaining to the selling of their property. She stated that the baskets from the Disc Golf Course are property of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and that the Commission can't give them away but they can sell them. Chairperson Svensson asked the commissioners if anyone had strong feelings about not selling the baskets, and Commissioner Murray stated that he has strong feelings about selling it.

Commissioner Huch agreed, stating that they should get rid of it since they don't need it. Chairperson Svensson stated that the Commission needs to remember that the course will not come back to Nestrom Road Park as long as they are on the Commission. She added that the course was rushed to be placed in the park, but that it shouldn't be a rushed decision to get rid of the baskets.

Commissioner Knopf stated that it would be against state law to gift Township Property to the Township Board. The Commission discussed other possible places to put the course, and Chairperson Svensson stated that the Commission could possibly partner with the Township Board on a new location as other parks in the Township won't work. Commissioner Knopf stated that it can't be put on any other areas of public land and that the Township can't do that. Commissioner Huch stated again to just get rid of the baskets, as they will just open the Commission to more trouble.

Chairperson Svensson reminded the Commission that they don't have all of the information, and that the group represents the Township and not just themselves. She suggested waiting to get the surveys back and go on facts. The Commission agreed to do the research regarding selling the property and that a decision will be made after receiving all of the Parks surveys.

6. Natural Resource Survey presentation

The commissioners agreed that a presentation should take place as soon as possible. Commissioner Knopf will be contacting Shawna Meyer to see if she can come to the September meeting.

7. Dog waste disposal

The commissioners agreed to place the waste disposal containers near the one-way sign going into the park from the Township Hall, one near the parking lot in the park, and one near the former 18th hole of the Disc Golf Course.

8. Water to 2nd pavilion

The commissioners discussed quotes received for the work. A-1 Excavating quoted \$5,122.00, Ultimate Excavating quoted \$4,700.00 and Mr. Rooter quoted \$7,000.00.

Motion by Deb Svensson, second from Bob Murray, **ADOPTED**, to accept the quote and award the job to Ultimate Excavating in the amount of \$4,700.00.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Commissioner Huch stated that he will have them place some clay in the horseshoe pit area to fix it, since it will be free of cost.

9. Tennis Courts

The Commission only received one quote for the cleaning out and filling of the cracks.

Motion by Bob Murray, second from Herb Huch, **ADOPTED**, to accept the quote and award the job to Lakeshore Parking Lot Maintenance Inc. in the amount of \$720.00.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

10. Ballfield Maintenance

Commissioner Sawyer stated that when she visited the park, a few individuals playing stated that the tree hanging over the fence is causing issues for the players. They also suggested to Commissioner Sawyer to paint pickleball lines on both courts.

Commissioner Sawyer stated that TruGreen told her that there is sod webworm on the baseball field. Commissioner Murray informed the group about the issue, stating that there are pesticides that can be used, but that they are toxic to bees. He added that there is a product called BT, which is non-toxic. The commissioners agreed that they don't want to okay spraying not knowing what is being used. The Commission agreed that they need to bring the field up to par, and they would like to call some companies to come in and look at it to give estimates.

11. Tree trimming

The trimming can't take place until late fall. Commissioner Murray stated that the commissioners should move forward with receiving quotes and the work can be completed late fall. Commissioners Bob Murray and Sue Sawyer will be going through and painting which trees they think need to be taken care of.

12. Nestrom Road Park beach picnic table

The commissioners agreed to budget for post tables for next year's budget so they cannot be moved into the water. Commissioner Huch suggested getting quotes for stainless steel tables and grills so

they won't have to be replaced, and Commissioner Murray suggested getting quotes for aluminum as well.

13. Fence repair

Commissioner Knopf stated that there is an agreement between the Township and the property owner regarding a fence on the property line. Chairperson Svensson stated that if this is the case, the fence needs to be repaired immediately.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Sawyer said that the Commission needs to complete their projects and move on.

Commissioner Huch stated that the Commission is headed down the right road and they've gotten a lot completed. Chairperson Svensson agreed.

Commissioner Knopf reminded everyone that the September meeting will be Tuesday, September 3rd because of Labor Day. She asked if she should ask Shawna Meyer to do her presentation first, and Commissioner Sawyer suggested having the meeting stay in the regular format but that they would see her first. The commissioners agreed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Herb Huch, second from Bob Murray, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the August 7, 2019 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:10 PM.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary