

**FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
SCHEDULED MEETING
September 4, 2018**

PRESENT: Commissioner Greg Barrett, Commissioner Maribeth Picard, Commissioner Steven Gullen and Commissioner Thomas Tisue.

ABSENT: Commissioner Brian Mathiot

ALSO PRESENT: Three interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Maribeth Picard called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME GUESTS

AGENDA: Motion by Maribeth Picard, second from Greg Barrett, **ADOPTED**, to amend the agenda to include voting on a meeting to cancel on the September 4, 2018 agenda.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

MINUTES: Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Tom Tisue, **ADOPTED**, to accept the August 1, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Carlet Mitenbuler, 4623 Nestrom – brought many items to the Commission’s attention regarding the Disc Golf Course.
2. Terrie Hampel, 6171 Duck Lake Road – brought the issue of bittersweet at McMillan Road end to the Commission’s attention. Wanted to thank the volunteers.

RECEIPTS:

Vice Chair Picard reported receipts activity as pavilion rentals of \$50.00 and Disc Golf Donations of \$38.00 for total receipts of \$88.00 for the month August 2018.

Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Steven Gullet, **ADOPTED**, to accept receipts for \$88.00 from Township Park pavilion rental and disc golf donations for the month of August 2018.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

DISBURSEMENTS:

Vice Chair Picard reported disbursements activity as \$330.00 to Kerkstra and \$1,500.00 to Sports N Shorts for total disbursements of \$1,830.00.

Motion by Greg Barrett, second from Steven Gullen, *ADOPTED*, to pay total disbursements of \$1,830.00.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**1. Future projects update**

Vice Chair Picard stated that she has received one quote for parking at Marcus Park in the amount of \$2,500.00. This quote is for materials only, adding that the labor would be donated. Picard added that she is working with another individual but is waiting on an additional quote. She also said that this would be completed in stages, with paving being last. Commissioner Gullen questioned whether there would be a need for drainage when paved, and if it needs to be completed before the paving happens. Picard stated that there would be drainage for the parking area, adding that it can be put in after the rocks are in. She also reported that the parking area would include at least eight parking spaces.

2. Natural resource survey

Commissioner Tisue stated that the survey has stalled due to no response coming back from Shawna Meyer. He reported that he has reached out numerous times and is getting zero response. Vice Chair Picard suggested reaching out to her employer to possibly receive further information or contact information to reach her, and also suggested looking into other avenues to get the survey completed.

3. Sanitation needs at Marcus Park

Vice Chair Picard stated that she spoke with Kerkstra, and they stated that a portable restroom can be placed at Marcus Park as long as it's on an even surface and they have twenty feet to work with. She added that she would like the portable restroom added to the budget for 2019-2020.

4. Soft disc discussion

There were many ideas regarding the use of soft discs, with recommendations of them being implemented during the critical period. Commissioner Gullen stated that there are different discs for different shots on disc golf courses, and he added that requiring certain discs be used would result in a fundamental change of the game. Commissioner Gullen said that he doesn't think the requirement is a good idea, adding that he thinks tree blockers should be put in because there is money in the budget for it. The commissioners began asking questions regarding the budget, if there was money for the blockers, and what they are doing moving forward. Recording Secretary Mary Mansfield reminded the commissioners that they voted to not move forward with any decisions regarding blockers or cutting of trees until the natural resource survey was completed. She also added that the reason the soft disc discussion was brought to the agenda to help protect what they can in the meantime.

5. Vote to cancel a meeting

Vice Chair Picard stated that the Commission never officially voted on which meeting to cancel due to the special meeting taking place in April.

Motion by Maribeth Picard, second from Greg Barrett, ***ADOPTED***, to cancel the November 13, 2018 meeting.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

UPDATES:

Vice Chair Picard stated that North Muskegon Youth Baseball Club will be coming to the field on Sunday to work on the pitching mound, bases, fence capping and other things. She added that there will be a possible scrimmage and the end of September.

Eagle Scout projects were also discussed, and Vice Chair Picard stated that it needs to be projects that can be done from start to finish. She added that one idea is the creation of soccer fields.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Maribeth Picard, second from Tom Tissue, ***ADOPTED*** to adjourn the September 4, 2018 scheduled meeting of the Fruitland Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:15 PM.

4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mansfield, Recording Secretary