

# Fruitport Community Cleanup

Many hands were involved in the cleanup days.



### Candidate Bio: Richard Riekse

Richard Riekse; 18; running for Fruitport Township Parks Commissioner in November 2020. Richard Riekse is a Fruitport High School 2020 Honors graduate. Attended Fruitport Schools K-12; Class treasurer for 10th, 11th, & 12th grades. Accepted to Michigan State University majoring in Physics and

Engineering; played Fruitport football; and also played with the Fruitport soccer club for six years; Voted Fruitport High School Tennis Co-Most Valuable Player in 2019. Active in Fruitport Cub Scouts & Fruitport Boy Scouts achieving rank of Eagle Scout in 2018. The Fruitport Township Parks Commission needs to put in for a MDNR Trust Fund Grant for a

combined restroom and concession stand for the Sheringer Soccer Complex. The Sheringer Soccer Complex was funded by a grant from the MDNR Trust Fund. We need to replace the current portal potties with a real restroom at no cost to Fruitport taxpayers. Our other township parks have restrooms and concession stands.

- ❖ **As a Mom**, Ashley is committed to maintaining a safe community with great schools and recreational opportunities for her two daughters and all children.
- ❖ **As a Daughter**, Ashley supports programs designed to keep our seniors healthy at home and will ensure that District 5 gets their fair share of the Senior Millage.
- ❖ **As a Social Worker**, Ashley understands the importance of a strong public health network for all of our citizens during these difficult times. Continued support for mental health services is essential for our most vulnerable residents.
- ❖ **As an Advocate** for public involvement, Ashley promotes transparency and citizen participation in county government. Too many decisions are made behind doors and people are constantly reacting instead of being invited to be part of the solution. Regular County Commission meetings must be held at a convenient time so most interested residents can attend.
- ❖ **As an Athlete and Coach**, Ashley brings her experience of hard work and positive team building to make the Muskegon County Commission an effective, responsive government that represents the best interests of all our residents.



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Ashley Podein

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I am running to be your County Commissioner because uncertain times require good government and great leadership.

The current District 5 Commissioner has created conflict and divisiveness during his two years on the County Board. His anti-government rhetoric has put Muskegon County in a negative light and is making our community unattractive to new businesses and residents. ***I promise to be the voice of positive change.***

I will be a unifier, representing the interests of all residents, businesses, and organizations in Muskegon County and make decisions that are based on facts and good governance. I believe there are many more things that unite us than divide us. ***Please join me in bringing our community together for a better future.***

Ashley Podein