

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Wolfe, Chairman; Alan Smith, Vice-Chairman; Paula Robinson, Secretary; Commissioners Lori Hansen, Coni Heimann, Connie Johnson, Bill Mazzara

ABSENT: Lee Mueller, Bette Nasholm

ALSO PRESENT: Ric Mueller, Chairman, Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP); One Audience Member, Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

Chairman Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The commissioners revised several sentences on page three under concerts in the park discussion to better reflect their discussion.

Vice-Chairman Smith moved, Commissioner Heimann seconded to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2010 as amended. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to discuss.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public present at the time of the call.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Mr. Ric Mueller, Chairman, FoMSP, said the group has completed a grant to submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) however due to budget concerns facing the village and township they plan to wait to submit the grant. He said the grant requires matching funds from the government entities. Mr. Mueller stated he will be attending a grant writing class.

Mr. Mueller announced the FoMSP will be conducting a Texas Hold'em fundraiser later this year and they need many volunteers. He said he has sent an email regarding the details and hoped the commissioners would sign up to help.

Mr. Mueller said the village planning commission wanted him to pursue placing the skate park on property near the YMCA in Hubbell Pond Park. He said they cannot meet the YMCA's conditions.

Mr. Mueller reported that the township board has agreed to pay up to \$5,000.00 per year for maintenance and insurance costs once the park is built.

Mr. Mueller also said he would like to discuss starting a joint parks & recreation foundation with the township and village commissions.

VILLAGE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION UPDATE

Commissioners Hansen and Heimann said they attended the village's meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. They said they discussed obtaining grant funds, their budget for the summer concerts and the geese problem in central park. They said the village has also been in the process of updating their master plan since the village didn't have funds to have their planning firm update it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EVENT APPLICATION & PERMIT FOR USE OF MILFORD RECREATIONAL TRAIL

The commission discussed and modified the draft application & permit. After changes were made to the application the commission determined the application was ready to send to the township board. It was also discussed that the application be posted on the township's website and that officials at Kensington Metropark be made aware of it.

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Commissioner Heimann seconded to recommend to township board the approval of the Event Application & Trail Use Permit for the Milford Recreational Trail. **Vote unanimously carried.**

DEVELOP APPOINTMENTS & REMOVALS PROCEDURES FOR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The commissioners continued discussion regarding the by-laws amendments at length. They decided to make changes and continue discussion next month.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN MILFORD

Commissioner Mazzara said he is creating a map for the internet with various activities in Milford and he will have it ready for the next meeting.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Vice-Chairman Smith seconded to postpone until next month. **Vote unanimously carried.**

INFORMATION KIOSK FOR RECREATIONAL TRAIL AND CENTRAL PARK

Commissioner Hansen reported that her contact on the Milford Downtown Development Authority (DDA) did not know that the commission had requested a kiosk in central park and would look into it.

Commissioner Heimann moved, Secretary Robinson seconded to postpone until next month. **Vote unanimously carried.**

SPRING PICNIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Gail Ford, assistant director, Milford Public Library, and department head of youth services, discussed having a story time during the spring picnic. She showed the commission the very large books the library uses for their story time events. The commissioners and Ms. Ford discussed the program and decided having a story time after the picnic and prior to the movie would provide a good transition during the event.

The commissioners reviewed the work plan and task assignments for the spring picnic.

CONCERTS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Vice-Chairman Smith moved, Commissioner Heimann seconded to postpone until next month. **Vote unanimously carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

TEEN EVENTS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Johnson moved, Commissioner Mazzara seconded to postpone until next month. **Vote unanimously carried.**

SET 2010 SPRING ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEANUP DATE

After discussion the commissioners decided to conduct their annual spring cleanup along N. Milford Road on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK VENDOR REQUEST – BOY SCOUT TROOP 176

The commissioners discussed allowing a different troop, possibly a troop located in Milford, to raise funds selling concessions during the concerts. Vice-Chairman Smith said he would contact Supervisor Green to discuss the matter.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Johnson said she would be working on a movie in the Detroit area for the next several weeks.

Secretary Robinson announced she has purchased a house and is officially a resident in the township again.

Chairman Wolfe stated that the HCMA has been considering bidding on the right to conduct the Michigan State Fair. He said although the fairgrounds would be leased for the event, it would provide Wayne County with a metropark option.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Paula Robinson,
Secretary