

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Wolfe, Vice-Chairman; Commissioners Connie Johnson, Bill Mazzara, Paula Robinson, Alan Smith

ABSENT: Coni Heimann, Chairman; Emily Ridgway, Secretary; Commissioner Bette Nasholm

ALSO PRESENT: Ric Mueller, Kelley Langen, FoMSP; Colleen Schwartz, Township Clerk; Lee Mueller, Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

Vice-Chairman Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and determined that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, DECEMBER 1, 2008

Commssioner Smith moved, Commissioner Mazzara seconded to approve the minutes of December 1, 2008 as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response from the public.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Mr. Ric Mueller, Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP), discussed another Texas Hold'em fundraiser opportunity to be held in June, 2009 and presented a sign-up sheet and asked the commission to consider volunteering for the event.

Mr. Mueller discussed changes within the organization. He said some members have left and others have joined, which has spurred a re-organization of the group. Mr. Mueller and Ms. Langen said they would like to use the Community Picnic to re-launch the group and its efforts to the community.

The commission felt this was a good idea and discussed various ways to do this during the picnic. The commissioners asked Mr. Mueller and Ms. Langen to put together a program for the event and let them know next month.

Mr. Mueller requested that a liaison from the Parks & Recreation Commission be appointed to attend their meetings and stay in contact with the group. The commission said the request would be added as an agenda item for next month's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

POOL PARTY RECAP

The commission discussed the event as follows: good attendance at the pool, but low attendance at the movie; ways to revamp the event for next year and possibly having a winter event in Central Park instead. They decided to discuss changes to the event in the fall.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Commissioner Smith seconded to leave the officers for 2009 as they were in 2008 with Coni Heimann as Chairman, Steve Wolfe as Vice-Chairman and Emily Ridgway as Secretary. **Vote unanimously carried.**

GRAND OPENING CEREMONY FOR NEW RECREATIONAL TRAILS

The commission discussed at length when and where to hold the grand opening ceremony for the trails. They determined to have the ceremony at the group camp site on Martindale Road, which is within Kensington Metropark. The commission felt it was important to hold it in the park because of the partnership between the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) and the township in getting the trail installed and, there is ample parking at the site. They decided to have a ribbon cutting ceremony and have Supervisor Green speak about the history of the trail project and end the ceremony with a parade on the trail.

PICNIC DISCUSSION

Vice-Chairman Wolfe requested to discuss this item at the end of New Business. The commissioners agreed.

SET SPRING ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEANUP DATE

After discussion the commission decided to conduct the cleanup on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular April meeting.

Mrs. Colleen Schwartz stated she was in the process of obtaining a route, S. Hickory Ridge Trail, in the Adopt-A-Road program to honor her late husband Bob, who served on the Parks & Recreation Commission since its inception. She said he was also instrumental in the concept of a recreational trail in Milford for many years. Mrs. Schwartz invited the commissioners to help with cleanup along the roadway she has selected.

OAKLAND COUNTY SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM

Commissioner Smith said he attended the meeting about the Oakland County's summer day camp program. He said some of the activities included geo-caching, star-lab, fishing, fort building and camouflage, which is a new twist on hide & seek.

The commissioners discussed the cost for each camper, which is \$130.00 and decided not to charge any additional for staffing the drop-off and pick-up times as it was not necessary. It was noted that three of the spaces automatically goes to the Huron Valley Youth Assistance for campers from low income families. They discussed how to use the \$450.00 in scholarship funds donated last year from the township's engineering firm,

which went unused. The commission decided only offer a scholarship if a resident inquires about it. They asked the recording secretary to inquire with the Huron Valley Youth Assistance to ask if they can offer assistance with scholarships.

COMMUNITY SURVEYS

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

PICNIC DISCUSSION

The commissioners discussed the work plan and assigned tasks that need completing and what movie to show and selected Kung Fu Panda. They directed the recording secretary to contact the owner of Bouncers & More to rent the inflatables for the picnic.

Vice-Chairman Wolfe said he would gather photos of previous events to show prior to the movie.

Secretary Ridgway will contact the list of volunteers to see if any of them could help with the picnic.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Vice-Chairman Wolfe said he would contact Footprints Sportswear to inquire about getting shirts with the Parks & Recreation's logo for new commissioners. He also said Kensington Metropark has received a grant to connect the new trail to its existing eight mile trail.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Holly Brandt
Recording Secretary