

MEMBERS PRESENT: Coni Heimann, Chairman; Emily Ridgway, Secretary; Commissioners Abby Cooper, Anthony Raimondo, Bob Schwartz, Alan Smith

ABSENT: Steve Wolfe, Vice-Chairman; Commissioner Bill Mazzara

ALSO PRESENT: Ric Mueller, Chairman, Friends of Milford Skate Park

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Schwartz moved, Secretary Ridgway seconded to approve the meeting minutes of February 11, 2008 as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Ric Mueller, Chairman, Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP) said he would provide a skate park update later in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008 POOL PARTY RECAP

The commissioners discussed the pool party and felt the event was a big success. One idea for next year's picnic was to have a list of pools & fitness program members for easier check in. Mr. Mueller said the FoMSP earned about \$300.00.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS DAY CAMP PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP

Chairman Heimann stated she has already contacted Oakland County Parks to reserve our spots and reported the following details: the program costs \$130.00 per child per week; the township is allotted up to twenty children per week for the second week of July and August; and camp hours are from 8:30 – 5:00, Monday through Friday. She said that she contacted other communities that have participated in the program for more details. Chairman Heimann said all the communities contacted charged between \$10.00 and \$25.00 more than the program cost to cover their costs. She also noted that Huron Valley Youth Assistance may offer scholarships for children that cannot afford the program fee.

Chairman Heimann commented that each community has a Parks & Recreation Department with full-time staff that administers the program and the City of Novi also has a Parks & Recreation foundation that pursues fundraising within the community and through grants.

The commissioners discussed creating a fundraising foundation, how to find participants for the day camp program and establishing a permanent Parks & Recreation newsletter. Mrs. Brandt said she would get bulk postage rate information and determine the number of households in Milford Township. Commissioner Cooper said she would get information about forming a foundation.

RESERVATION OF OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS INFLATABLES FOR PICNICS

As Vice-Chairman Wolfe was not present to report on this item, Chairman Heimann said she would contact him for the status.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Mr. Mueller said Mrs. Leah Groya, Township Parks & Recreation Planner, Wade Trim, was not able to find any information on grants that could apply to building a skate park. He said he has met with someone in the grant writing field and the FoMSP has allocated \$5,000.00 to pursue grant opportunities. Mr. Mueller stated he has received permission from Huron Valley Schools to disburse FoMSP news and information through the schools.

Mr. Mueller announced 2008 skate events as follows: April 26th, May 17th, June 7th, June 21st, July 12th, August 8 – 10th, September 13th, and October 4th. He said all would be open skate days with a competition on June 21st in celebration of National Skate Day.

Mr. Mueller also announced a Texas Hold'em tournament would be held as a fundraiser event. He said specific details are forthcoming.

Mr. Mueller commented that he met with Commissioner Raimondo and FoMSP board member Greg Koenig about incorporating a rain garden in the skate park design.

NEW BUSINESS

MOVIE SCREEN RENTAL, 2008 PICNIC IN THE PARK

Chairman Heimann said she would confirm with Commissioner Mazzara about the screen rental with Great Outdoor movies at \$1,400.00 per event.

SET SPRING 2008 ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEANUP DATE

Mrs. Brandt stated the official time frame for conducting the cleanup would be April 21st through April 29th. After discussion, the commission decided to have the road cleanup at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2008 prior to their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. The road cleanup meeting place will be at the former Providence Clinic parking lot, 1155 N. Milford Road.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Smith said his wife enjoyed volunteering at the pool party.

Commissioner Cooper said she has pictures of friends enjoying the pool area at the pool party that she can share.

Commissioner Schwartz said that Camp Dearborn is interested in connecting to the Milford Recreational Trail. He felt that a partnership with Camp Dearborn for parks and

recreation activities and events would be beneficial for residents. The commission requested that he pursue the idea with officials at Camp Dearborn. Commissioner Schwartz also commented that a street party or other venue geared toward adults would be fun.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Heimann adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at 1155 N. Milford Road – former Providence Clinic and the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Milford Police Conference Room.

Charter Township of Milford,

Emily Ridgway,
Secretary