

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Wolfe, Chairman (arrived at 7:30 p.m.); Alan Smith, Vice-Chairman; Paula Robinson, Secretary; Commissioners Lori Hansen, Coni Heimann, Bill Mazzara, Lee Mueller

ABSENT: Commissioners Connie Johnson, Bette Nasholm

ALSO PRESENT: Don Green, Township Supervisor; Ric Mueller, Chairman, Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP); Thirteen Audience Members, Missy McDole, Clerk's Office; Holly Brandt, Township Clerk

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MARCH 15, 2010

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Commissioner Hansen seconded to approve the meeting minutes of March 15, 2010 as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Brandt noted that the Milford Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has approved funding in the amount of \$600.00 for the 2010 picnics.

Supervisor Green explained the movie screen and related equipment has not yet been approved because several board members did not agree with the contract terms. He said he needed support for the movie equipment purchase from the commissioners. Supervisor Green said he has been working on the purchase with four other communities for the last two years.

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Commissioner Mueller seconded to direct Secretary Robinson to write a letter to the township board from the commission in favor of the movie equipment purchase. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Representatives from the Huron Valley Schools Heroes of Tomorrow (HOT) team shared that the team won the international championship held in Atlanta, Georgia recently.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Mr. Ric Mueller, chairman, FoMSP, said the group has a meeting planned with a construction firm to discuss construction and design matters. He said he took a grant writing class and has a meeting scheduled with a professional grant writer. Mr. Mueller said the group's Texas Hold'em fundraiser event still needs volunteers. Commissioner Heimann asked to have the fundraiser information re-sent to the commission.

VILLAGE PARKS & RECREATION LIAISON UPDATE

Commissioners Hansen and Heimann said there was no meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DEVELOP APPOINTMENTS AND REMOVALS PROCEDURES FOR PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The commissioners discussed their by-laws changes regarding the procedures for removals and appointments to the commission.

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Commissioner Heimann seconded to recommend to township board the adoption of the revised Parks & Recreation Commission By-Laws dated April 19, 2010. **Vote unanimously carried.**

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN MILFORD

Commissioner Mazzara explained he was in the process of creating a Google based internet map to add to the township's website. He asked the commissioners to review the map and provide their comments at next month's meeting.

INFORMATION KIOSK FOR MILFORD RECREATIONAL TRAIL

Commissioner Hansen said she would like to place several kiosks at strategic locations along the trail and in central park. The commissioners discussed various locations and the need to obtain permission from the village or Kensington Metropark. Commissioner Hansen said she would continue to gather information and report next month.

SPRING PICNIC DISCUSSION, JUNE 5, 2010

The commission reviewed the work plan at length and continued to finalize the arrangements.

CONCERTS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Vice-Chairman Smith reported that the concerts schedule has been finalized and all the band contracts have been received. He said the projected expenses have come in under budget. He said the village and DDA have pledged funds for the concerts in the past, but he is unsure if each group will be donating funds for this year's concerts. Vice-Chairman Smith said the village has been holding funds raised by the previous concerts coordinator and he is unsure of the status of those funds.

The commissioners discussed their thoughts on whether or not to have a donation box at the concerts. It was suggested to have a table for donations with someone present to answer questions. After discussion Vice-Chairman Smith said he would share the commission's discussion to the two other sub-committee members, Marilyn Fisher and Phyllis McCusker.

The commission discussed the vendors at the concerts. It was determined that the scouting troop from Highland that has been selling beverages at the event for the past several years would be replaced by the three troops located in Milford on a rotating basis to help support Milford's troops.

Commissioners Robinson and Hansen asked if they could identify handicap parking prior to and during the event. Vice-Chairman Smith thought it was a good idea and agreed.

Vice-Chairman Smith stated that Supervisor Green is involved with most aspects of the decisions regarding the concerts including policy decisions and financial matters. Commissioner Mazzara asked for a determination as to whether or not the committee is part of the Parks & Recreation or not. Vice-Chairman Smith said the commission has had good suggestions however he felt the concerts committee should be making the final decisions especially regarding the band selection.

NEW BUSINESS

ESTABLISH FEE SCHEDULE FOR TRAIL USE PERMIT

The commissioners discussed at length the establishment of fees for trail usage. After discussion the following usage rates would apply:

All For Profit Organizations - \$1,000.00 per day

Non Profit Organizations – \$30.00 per each 50 of Participants

Commissioner Hansen moved, Commissioner Mazzara seconded to approve the user fees as follows: All For Profit Organizations - \$1,000.00 per day; Non Profit Organizations – \$30.00 per each 50 of Participants. **Vote unanimously carried.**

REQUEST, TRAIL USE PERMIT – HURON VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AUGUST 15, 2010

The commission reviewed that request and determined the trail would only be used from the dam to General Motors Road.

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Vice-Chairman Smith seconded to recommend approval to the township board of the request for use of the trail on August 15, 2010 as presented and waive the fee. **Vote unanimously carried.**

REQUEST, TRAIL USE PERMIT – HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS HEROES OF TOMORROW (HOT) TEAM'S STAY DRY TRI, OCTOBER 3, 2010

The commissioner reviewed the request and determined the trail would only be used from the dam to General Motors Road.

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Secretary Robinson seconded to recommend approval to the township board of the request for use of the trail on October 3, 2010 as presented and waive the fee. **Vote unanimously carried.**

TEEN EVENTS DISCUSSION

The commissioners discussed various types of events they could host that may interest teenage residents. They asked for input from the high school students that were in the audience. Some events suggested were rap band concert or a DJ rapper, beach party and cookout, a volleyball or basketball tournament. The commission and the audience discussed ways to inform teens of events including social media and through the schools. They also discussed having the leadership classes at the high schools help plan the events. After discussion it was determined that Commissioner Heimann would contact the leadership class at the International Academy at Lakeland High School,

Commissioner Hansen and Chairman Wolfe said they would contact Milford and Lakeland High Schools respectively. Discussion would continue at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Mueller discussed forming partnerships with Proud Lake such as a fishing competition, hunter's safety classes, canoe races, etc. He also discussed obtaining a grant for trail kiosks.

Chairman Wolfe said he was late for the meeting because he assisted with a controlled burn at Metro Beach Metropark on the east side.

Commissioner Mazzara said he will be absent from the May meeting. He said the commission needs a work plan for teen events.

Commissioner Hansen reminded the commission about the Earth Day celebration to be held in April 25, 2010 at the YMCA.

Commissioner Heimann said the Milford Garden Club will host a Plant & Garden sale on May 8, 2010 at Johnson Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Paula Robinson,
Secretary