

MEMBERS PRESENT: Coni Heimann, Chairman; Steve Wolfe, Vice-Chairman; Commissioners Bill Mazzara, Lee Mueller, Bette Nasholm, Paula Robinson, Alan Smith

ABSENT: Emily Ridgway, Secretary; Commissioner Connie Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Ric Mueller, Friends of Milford Skate Park; Twenty-Two Students, Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

Chairman Heimann called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and determined that a quorum was present. She apologized to the audience for starting late and said the commission just finished conducting their cleanup of North Milford Road as part of the county's Adopt-A-Road program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MARCH 16, 2009

Vice-Chairman Wolfe moved, Commissioner Nasholm seconded to approve the meeting minutes of March 16, 2009 as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Heimann said a letter was received from the Huron Valley Running Club regarding their annual request for funds for the Labor Day 30K Race event. She said the commission would address the request at the end of new business.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Sharon Peterson, a Milford YMCA representative, and Mr. Dale Feigley, Milford DDA were introduced.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Mr. Ric Mueller, Chairman, Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP) said the group was at the earth day event, held on April 19, 2009 at the YMCA. He said the group has hired several consultants to help with fundraising, park design and construction, location selection and grant writing. Mr. Mueller said the group has disbursed an events schedule throughout Huron Valley schools. He stated volunteers are still needed for the group's upcoming Texas Hold'em fundraiser. He said the plan for the skate park is to make it eco-friendly and possibly add other features to the site such as a rock climbing wall and play structure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR NEW RECREATIONAL TRAIL

Ms. Sharon Peterson, Milford YMCA, stated the Y will be hosting their annual birthday celebration and community day on Saturday, May 30, 2009, which is the same day the trail's grand opening, is scheduled for. She said they wanted to have a fun run on the

new recreational trail and didn't want it to conflict with the commission's ribbon cutting event. Ms. Peterson said she would like her event to compliment the ribbon cutting event.

After discussion the commissioners directed Ms. Peterson to contact Supervisor Green regarding the proper procedure for having the YMCA event on the trail.

The commissioners discussed a joint ceremony to commemorate both the township and village portions of the trail. Chairman Heimann said she would meet with Mrs. Denise Tyler of the village trail committee to discuss the joint event. Commissioners Nasholm, Smith and Wolfe said they would also attend the meeting.

Commissioner Robinson said she has spoke with the owner of the Milford Dairy Queen about giving a discount on their products on the day of the ceremony. She said the owner would let her know what she decides.

Commissioner Mazzara said he would get a giant ribbon and scissors for the event.

Mrs. Brandt said she would create an agenda for the event and arrange for speakers.

OAKLAND COUNTY SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM

The commission postponed discussion on this item until next month.

2008 COMMUNITY SURVEYS

The commission postponed discussion on this item until next month.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILFORD

The commission postponed discussion on this item until next month.

PICNIC PLANNING

The commissioners completed the final details for the picnic. Mr. Mueller asked the commission if the FoMSP could have a skateboard presentation at the end of the picnic prior to the setup for the movie. He said they seeking a way to promote the skate park concept more assertively to the public. The commissioners felt this was a good idea and asked Mr. Mueller to finalize the plans.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINT LIAISON TO FoMSP

Mr. Mueller asked the commission to appoint a liaison to also be an advisor to the group. After discussion it was determined that Commissioner Mazzara would fill the position.

Vice-Chairman Wolfe moved, Commissioner Smith seconded to appoint Commissioner Mazzara as liaison to the FoMSP. **Vote unanimously carried.**

OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. Brandt stated Supervisor Green was contacted by another community about purchasing a large movie screen along with several other communities and he wanted to know if the commission was interested in having him pursue the matter.

The commission discussed the purchase and directed Mrs. Brandt to ask Supervisor Green to pursue the matter with the other communities. They also discussed liability, usage, storage, and damage concerns.

**REQUEST, SPONSORSHIP FUNDS FOR LABOR DAY 30K RACE – HURON VALLEY
RUNNING CLUB**

The commission postponed discussion on this item until next month.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Smith asked Mrs. Brandt to inquire about distributing the Oakland County Day Camp information in the schools. He said he had four bands booked so far for the summer concerts in the park and he needed contact information for more bands and also a standard contract.

Commissioner Mazzara commented on having a Parks & Recreation commission newsletter. Mrs. Brandt said she would speak with the newsletter coordinator about designating a page or two in the community newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Holly Brandt
Recording Secretary