

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

ABSENT: Commissioners Connie Johnson, excused; Bette Nasholm, excused

ALSO PRESENT: 3 Audience Members, Holly Brandt, Township Clerk; Missy McDole, Recording Secretary

Chairman Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

Chairman Wolfe requested the commission to hear the New Business item first.

NEW BUSINESS

TRAIL USE PERMIT – HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS H.O.T. ROBOTICS TEAM

Suzanne Grebe submitted a trail use permit application for use of the trail for an event on October 2, 2011.

The commission discussed waiving the fees as they had done last year for this event as they are only using a small portion of the trail in the township.

Commissioner Smith moved, Commissioner Heimann seconded to approve the application and waive compensation for reasons stated. **Vote unanimously carried.**

Suzanne Grebe thanked the commission and asked their input on another event she is working on for May 2011 and gave a brief description of the event. She asked if it would be something they would consider approving before she proceeds with the planning. The event would be a fundraiser for Lakeland and Milford High Schools swim teams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mueller moved, Commissioner Mazzara seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 18, 2011 as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response from the public.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Commissioner Mueller presented a copy of a letter written to the Milford Times by Ric Mueller, Chairman of Friends of Milford Skate Park in response to the article in last weeks paper. The article stated some of the village council members were against putting a skate park millage on the ballot the same time as the road millage. There is a possibility that if this happens, the village will not allow Friends of Milford Skate Park to use the property originally approved for the skate park.

After much discussion, the commission decided they would wait to write a letter from the commission as a whole. It was stated if the millage passes the Friends of Milford Skate Park would have enough funds for the project and could find a location in the township.

VILLAGE PARKS & RECREATION LIAISON UPDATE

Vice-Chairman Hansen stated she had emailed Myles Davis of Village of Milford Parks & Recreation Commission looking for an update of their most recent meetings. She will forward the information to all commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOVIE EVENTS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Smith presented a survey he created that could be handed out at the Spring Picnic and the summer concerts.

Commissioner Mazzara suggested adding something to the survey stating the movie screen was purchased by Milford Township along with four other communities.

Commissioner Hansen suggested putting the survey on the website.

The commission will wait for the results of the survey from the Spring Picnic to select the remaining movies for the year.

Clerk, Holly Brandt stated Supervisor Don Green needs to know what if any food vendors will be present at the drive-in movie in October.

Commissioner Mazzara stated the only one will be the boy scouts selling popcorn.

Chairman Wolfe asked the commission if the local restaurants should be offered the opportunity to have food specials during the drive-in movie.

PLANTINGS ON THE TRAIL

Commissioner Heimann informed the commissioners that the planting will take place on May 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. and encouraged their presence. The Milford Times will be there to take pictures for an article.

Chairman Wolfe asked what the caliper is of the trees so the holes can be dug.

2011 SPRING PICNIC

The commission went over the work plan.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Chairman Wolfe read the section of the by-laws that addresses attendance to the commission. After discussion the commission feels that all commissioners should make every attempt to be present at all meetings and events. Any violation of attendance according to the by-laws will be addressed by the Chairman directly to that individual.

The commission requested they receive a copy of the attendance sheet from 2010 and 2011 via email.

SUMMER CONCERTS IN CENTRAL PARK

Commissioner Smith asked for volunteers to help hand out concert flyers before the Memorial Day Parade. The Township Board approved the purchase of concert t-shirts. 100 t-shirts have been ordered to be sold at the concerts. Donations will be handled in the same manner as last year.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Heimann reported her son is on his way to Germany from Afghanistan.

Commissioner Smith handed out a flyer for Friday Night Live.

Chairman Wolfe stated he had some Kensington Metro Park maps if anyone was interested.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Paula Robinson,
Secretary