

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Coni Heimann, Chairman; Steve Wolfe, Vice-Chairman; Emily Ridgway, Secretary; Commissioners Connie Johnson, Bill Mazzara, Lee Mueller, Bette Nasholm, Paula Robinson, Alan Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** Donald Green, Supervisor; Eight Audience Members, Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

Chairman Heimann called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and determined that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Commissioner Mueller seconded to approve the minutes of April 20, 2009 as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairman Heimann said she received a phone call from Ms. Korie Wilkins, a reporter for the Detroit Free Press regarding the grand opening for the recreational trail. She said she would direct her to contact Supervisor Don Green and Commissioner Bette Nasholm because they knew the history of the trail.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no response from the public.

**SKATE PARK UPDATE**

Commissioner Mazzara and Supervisor Green said skate park representatives met with a development firm today, which went well. Supervisor Green said after the meeting the group met with representatives from the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) regarding possible use of metropark property to locate a skate park and other recreational venues on park property. He said the HCMA was receptive to such a proposal. Commissioner Mazzara stated Mr. Ric Mueller, chairman of the Friends of Milford Skate Park would like to meet to discuss a possible Department of Natural Resources grant for the skate park.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW RECREATIONAL TRAIL**

The commissioners discussed the finalized plans for the ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Kensington Metropark's group campsite.

**OAKLAND COUNTY SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM**

Mrs. Brandt said the program announcement was recently in the Milford Community Newsletter and a display was placed at the Milford Public Library inviting youth to sign up for the program. She said two potential campers have completed applications so far.

Mrs. Brandt said she has contacted the Huron Valley Youth Assistance for help in filling the remaining camper slots and if they don't get filled she will contact the Milford Times to do a story on the program.

#### **2008 COMMUNITY SURVEYS**

The commissioners reviewed the survey results, the questions asked and the number of responders. They discussed creating another survey with more specific questions to assist in recreation planning and goals. The commission determined to discuss this item again next month.

#### **RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILFORD**

After brief discussion, it was decided to discuss this item in the fall.

#### **OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREEN**

Supervisor Green explained there is a proposal for several area communities to jointly purchase an outdoor movie screen and related equipment. He said the agreement details haven't been finalized yet however he wanted to know if the commission was interested. After brief discussion the commission expressed their interest in the proposal.

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Secretary Ridgway seconded to recommend that the township board pursue participation in sharing in the purchase of a movie screen. **Vote unanimously carried.**

#### **PICNIC PLANNING**

The final plans were discussed. Commissioner Mueller explained the options for the purchase of saplings to give away. He said he would need help with packaging the trees individually once they arrive.

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Commissioner Nasholm seconded to recommend the township board expend \$2,700.00 for the spring picnic and movie in the park. **Vote unanimously carried.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

After discussion the commissioners felt they would like Mr. Doug Klingensmith to present his request in person at next month's meeting. Mrs. Brandt said she would contact him with their request.

#### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Commissioner Wolfe explained he was having trouble creating a DVD to show at the picnic. He said he made arrangements to hang the picnic banner over Main Street. He said the banner would eventually need to be replaced because it's not the correct size for the area.

Secretary Ridgway said she attended the village planning commission meeting to explain the drive-in movie concept and to get their endorsement. She said the proposal

will appear before the village zoning board of appeals in June for a temporary use permit.

Commissioner Smith said he and committee members Phyllis McCusker and Marilyn Fisher have finalized plans for the summer concerts series. He said if anyone would like to help on concert day they could find him in central park prior to the concert. He expressed concern regarding the funding for next year's concerts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Heimann adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Emily Ridgway  
Secretary