

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: Ric Mueller, Chair, Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP); Doug Klingensmith, Director, Huron Valley Running Club, Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

Chairman Heimann called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Nasholm moved, Secretary Ridgway seconded to approve the meeting minutes of May 18, 2009 as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response from the public.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Mr. Ric Mueller reported that school administrators for Huron Valley Schools have been more cooperative and involved in allowing information regarding the FoMSP's activities to reach their students. He said fundraising during the community picnic went well however he felt the skateboard demonstration wasn't as successful as he hoped.

Mr. Mueller discussed the progress of the skate park initiative. He explained the group has hired two consultants, both from Michigan State University, who are developing a plan to be put forth to the community and for obtaining grants. He said a site evaluation date has been set for June 20, 2009 and he hoped the commissioners would be available to attend. Mr. Mueller asked the commission to assist the group with conducting a town hall meeting event to introduce their skate park plan, which could be held in the fall. After discussion the commission established October 15, 2009 for the meeting.

Chairman Heimann and the commissioners thanked Mr. Mueller for all his efforts to establish a skate park in Milford.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OAKLAND COUNTY SUMMER DAY CAMP PROGRAM

Mrs. Brandt explained that Huron Valley Youth Assistance has filled two of their three allocated spots for the day camp program and four campers have applied through the township office, which leaves four spots.

Commissioner Smith said he would contact the Milford Times to request that they do a story on the program in the hopes of filling the remaining spots.

OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREEN

Chairman Heimann referred to the latest information provided by Supervisor Green and stated the concept is moving forward.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK UPDATE

Commissioner Smith reported there have been two concerts so far. He said a survey was provided and the response so far is that a variety of music has been most requested. Commissioner Smith said, in case of inclement weather, the township has the right to cancel the concert by noon on concert day.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mr. Doug Klingensmith, the club's director, explained the history of the nine-year event and presented his request for funds. He said in the past township funds have helped purchase a banner and printed material in addition to benefiting selected charities.

The commission and Mr. Klingensmith discussed the event at length. Chairman Heimann requested that their sponsorship would not be treated like a corporate sponsor but rather a partnership between the two groups. Commissioner Mazzara said the event was very worthwhile however the township couldn't afford to donate equally with corporate sponsors. He also wanted the township represented as more a partner than a corporate sponsor. Mr. Klingensmith agreed and said he would add the Parks & Recreation Commission's logo to the handouts, posters and also add a link from his website to the townships. He asked the commission to volunteer with the event if possible. Commissioner Mazzara asked that a recap of the event be provided after the events are held.

Secretary Ridgway moved, Commissioner Robinson seconded to recommend to township board the approval of \$1,000.00 in partnership funds for the Labor Day 30K Race event. **Vote unanimously carried.**

PICNIC RECAP

The commissioners agreed that the volunteers really worked hard to help make the event a success especially Dave Armstrong who served as the announcer. They discussed various venues and how well the event went.

FALL PICNIC PLANNING

Commissioner Johnson moved, Commissioner Nasholm seconded to postpone this item until next month. Vote unanimously carried.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Wolfe said the fireworks in Kensington Metropark were held on Sunday, June 14th instead of the Fourth of July as was in past years. He said park officials would probably be hosting the event on dates other than July 4th in the future.

Commissioner Mueller discussed the Panic in the Park haunted trail event at Proud Lake State Recreation Area, which is held in the fall. He also mentioned Proud Lake would be having their 90th anniversary this year.

Commissioner Robinson felt there needed to be a pedestrian signal where the new trail crosses General Motors Road. Commissioner Mazzara explained Supervisor Green is trying to get something installed through the Road Commission for Oakland County.

Commissioner Smith thanked Mr. Klingensmith for his efforts with the annual Labor Day 30K races.

Commissioner Johnson stated she has been working on a public service announcement for the state, which supports tax incentives for companies filming in Michigan.

Commissioner Nasholm thanked Commissioner Smith for his chairing the concerts in the park committee, which has been able to continue the summer concerts series.

Chairman Heimann thanked the commissioners for all their contributions that help make the commission and their events successful. She said she is working on articles for the next community newsletter and asked the commission for input.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Heimann adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Emily Ridgway
Secretary