

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Arrowsmith, Chairman; Coni Heimann, Secretary; Commissioners Bill Mazzara, Bette Nasholm, Emily Ridgway

ABSENT: Bill Terian, Vice-Chairman; Marty Drury, Bob Schwartz, Steve Wolfe

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Paul, Paul Lipowski, Richard Paul & Associates; Ray Therriault, Village Parks & Recreation Commission; Don Green, Township Supervisor; Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

Chairman Arrowsmith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and it was determined that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Nasholm moved, Commissioner Heimann seconded to approve the meeting minutes of June 18, 2007 as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Arrowsmith announced an invitation to a forum to be held on Monday, July 30, 2007 at the Dearborn Inn Hotel by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (CFSEM). He said strategies for providing opportunities for people of all abilities would be discussed.

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Mrs. Brandt noted the official cleanup periods for 2007 as provided by the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC). After discussion, the commission determined to hold the fall cleanup on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at the old Providence Hospital satellite location on North Milford Road, south of Milford Family Practice.

Mr. Ray Therriault, Milford Village Parks & Recreation Commission, stated that he has been filling in as the liaison for the last couple of months.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MILFORD-KENSINGTON TRAIL UPDATE

Mr. Green explained the grant funds would not be disbursed by the state until their budget is finalized.

MOVIE SCREEN PRESENTATION, RICHARD PAUL & ASSOCIATES

Mr. Richard Paul and Mr. Paul Lipowski presented options for purchasing and installing a movie screen in Central Park. Mr. Lipowski explained that holes could be installed in the ground and then capped, which would accommodate poles to attach the movie screen to. He said the township could purchase the screen and set it up or it could be rented along with the projector equipment.

The commissioners, Mr. Paul and Mr. Lipowski discussed at length the various options available and the cost and decided to gather more information regarding costs.

Mr. Green stated he would need the Parks & Recreation Commission's budget information by September 19, 2007.

Mr. Terriault said the Village Parks & Recreation Commission did not have any funds to contribute as most of their budget is used for the Concerts in the Park Summer Series. He noted they could provide volunteers for the picnic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

SPRING PICNIC DISCUSSION

The commissioners discussed the following: the games and craft were a success, the tattoos and glow sticks were popular, trees were given out within two hours, hot dogs were given out in less than two hours, and the need for signs at the venues.

FALL PICNIC DISCUSSION

The commissioners discussed at length the following: having recycle bins for pop and water containers, etc., whether or not to focus on venues for older children and teens, what types of food to provide and whether or not it should be free, identification signs for venues and offering a basketball tournament.

Commissioner Mazzara said he would write a letter to the Downtown Development Authority requesting funds.

The commissioners decided to schedule a special meeting to discuss the picnic, which will be held on Monday, July 30, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Milford Police Conference Room.

SKATE PARK UPDATE – FRIENDS OF MILFORD SKATE PARK (FoMSP)

Mrs. Brandt reported the FoMSP needs volunteers for three hours shifts for the skate boarding event to be held during Milford Memories on August 13, 14 and 15, 2007.

Commissioner Mazzara felt the master plan would help the skate park to obtain grants and said the commission needed to support FoMSP's efforts and help them reach their goal of having a skate park in Milford.

NEW BUSINESS

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

It was announced that Mrs. Leah Groya, Township Planner, would be attending the meeting of August 20, 2007 to present the updated master plan and get input from the commission.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Mazzara commented that the picnic went well.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Heimann moved, Commissioner Ridgway seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Vote unanimously carried.

Charter Township of Milford,

Coni Heimann
Secretary