

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Bette Nasholm, excused

ALSO PRESENT: 1 Audience Member; Holly Brandt, Township Clerk; Missy McDole, Recording Secretary

Chairman Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for the commission to approve. They will approve the minutes from June 21, 2010 at the August meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Michael Beam was present to earn a merit badge for scouts.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Lee Mueller gave an update. The recent Texas Hold'em Tournament went well. There will be another tournament held on Labor Day weekend. They are looking for volunteers.

VILLAGE PARKS AND RECREATION LIAISON UPDATE

There was no meeting to report on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN MILFORD

Commissioner Mazzara discussed the interactive map that he's working on and that in order to continue, he would need funding.

INFORMATION KIOSK FOR MILFORD RECREATIONAL TRAIL

Commissioner Hansen has received some quotes for a stone based kiosk. The commission is not ready to make any decisions. Commissioner Hansen is collecting information for future purchases.

TEEN EVENTS

Commissioner Heimann would like to contact Lakeland and Milford High Schools and International Academy to invite a few students to attend the Parks and Recreation meetings on a regular basis once school is back in session. She would like to see a few students attend the meetings and then form a sub group at school for teen events discussion. Commissioner Heimann is willing to be the advisor for the teens and is looking for another person from the commission. Chairman Wolfe suggested that the commission look towards church youth groups or scout troops for teen events.

REVISIONS FOR TRAIL PERMIT

Chairman Wolfe said that he is still discussing the permit with Kim Jarvis from Kensington Metropark. Kensington does not charge to use their trail, therefore it would be hard to determine where the township trail starts and stops without providing a map with the permit to pinpoint a starting and stopping point. The commission discussed the fee at length. There was talk about the need for insurance from users of the trail. The Parks and Recreation Commission holds insurance for the trail and there should not be a need for any further insurance. The commission will continue to discuss the permit at the next meeting.

MOVIE EVENTS DISCUSSION

The commission discussed a possible movie on August 19th in Central Park. Clerk Brandt will check to see if the park is available, also which movies are available. The commission would like the movie geared towards older kids. Because of the short notice, commissioner Heimann talked about placing an ad in the newspaper advertising the movie. Commissioner Mazzara will provide the fliers.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Commissioner Mazzara seconded to recommend approval to township board the expenditure of movie costs to show another movie in Central Park. **Vote unanimously carried.**

FALL PICNIC DISCUSSION

The commission reviewed the work plan.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL LABOR DAY 30K RACE

Doug Klingensmith gave a power point presentation on the event. He spoke to the commission regarding setting up a display table at the Health & Fitness Expo at Bakers on September 3, 2010 advertising the Parks and Recreation Commission. He said that it could be a great place to recruit volunteers for events. The Parks and Recreation Commission has donated \$1,000 towards the Labor Day 30k race in the past years.

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Vice Chairman Smith seconded to recommend approval to the township board the expenditure of \$1,000 towards Labor Day 30k Race. Vote unanimously carried.

2011 BUDGET

The commission discussed the 2011 budget at length with emphasis on the fact that it could be reduced by \$5,000.

DRIVE IN MOVIE EVENT

Discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Mueller had questions regarding the banners displayed at the concerts. He stated that he would like to do another survey to the public. He wanted to let the commission know that he has been volunteering at the Friends of Proud Lake annex building and they are trying to create exhibits displaying items such as deer antlers, turtle shells etc. from wildlife in the area. They will take donations of such and are looking for volunteers.

Commissioner Hansen spoke regarding the volunteer program for the commission and thought that they should look into a student commissioner.

Clerk Brandt gave an update on the day camp. There are a total of 7 campers from Milford, 2 came from Youth Assistance and 3 have scholarships.

Commissioner Heimann informed the commission that The Milford Garden Club is the largest in the United States. The club has money to donate wildflowers to be planted somewhere in the township.

Vice Chairman Smith said that the concert on July 15 was cancelled due to rain and will be rescheduled for August 5.

Commissioner Johnson stated that she is working on a new movie and is looking for an older house located on a lake.

Chairman Wolfe stated that the trail connector is still in progress and will not be done this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Paula Robinson,
Secretary