

MEMBERS PRESENT: Coni Heimann, Chairman; Emily Ridgway, Secretary; Commissioners Connie Johnson, Lee Mueller, Bette Nasholm, Alan Smith

ABSENT: Steve Wolfe, Vice-Chairman; Commissioners Bill Mazzara, Paula Robinson

ALSO PRESENT: Alan Heavner, Heavner Canoe Rental; Ric Mueller, Chairman of the Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP)

Chairman Heimann called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JUNE 15, 2009

Commissioner Nasholm had a grammatical correction to the sixth paragraph on page one. Commissioner Smith removed an incorrect statement to the fourth paragraph on page two. Chairman Heimann requested her comment regarding the next community newsletter be added to her commissioner's comments on page three.

Commissioner Smith moved, Commissioner Nasholm seconded to approve the meeting minutes of June 15, 2009 as amended. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Heimann said an email was received from Mr. Doug Klingensmith, director of the Labor Day 30K Race, inviting the commission to host a picnic in conjunction with the race. Chairman Heimann added the discussion to the end of new business.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Alan Heavner, Heavner Canoe Rental, Milford, expressed his support for the Parks & Recreation Commission's efforts to provide recreational opportunities in Milford. He discussed at length his Nature Connections program, which strives to provide children with a positive outdoor experience through various means. Mr. Heavner also discussed various events occurring at Proud Lake State Recreation Area that are helping to bring visitors to the park. He said the park may become a model for other state parks to help retain visitors.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Mr. Ric Mueller, chairman of the FoMSP, said the group has been working on selecting a site to locate a multi-use park, which would include a skate park and other recreation venues. He said their goal is to apply for a Department of Natural Resources grant, which has a submission deadline of March 1, 2010. Mr. Mueller discussed meetings to be held in September and October to get the public informed and involved in with the design process and to generate interest for the project. He thanked the commission for their ongoing support for the project.

SUMMER CONCERTS UPDATE

Commissioner Smith reported that there has been record attendance at the concerts the last couple of weeks. He said the committee will be starting on next year's concert series in October and they will use the surveys collected to help with the music and band selections.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREEN UPDATE

Chairman Heimann said the screen purchase is still in discussion with the other communities interested in participating. She said Supervisor Green has indicated the purchase may not be completed by the fall picnic & movie event.

FALL PICNIC & DRIVE-IN MOVIE PLANNING

The commission reviewed and assigned the remaining outstanding items on the event's work plan. Chairman Heimann and Commissioner Mueller would review and recommend the movie selections at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SELECT ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEANUP DATE – SEPTEMBER

After brief discussion the commissioners decided to have the cleanup at 6:00 p.m. on September 19, 2009, just prior to their regular meeting.