

MEMBERS PRESENT: Coni Heimann, Chairman; Steve Wolfe, Vice-Chairman (arrived at 7:45 p.m.); Emily Ridgway, Secretary; Commissioners Bill Mazzara, Lee Mueller, Bette Nasholm (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Paula Robinson, Alan Smith

ABSENT: Commissioner Connie Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Dolan, Vickie Roher, Milford Criterium Bike Race representatives; Don Green, Supervisor; Colleen Schwartz, Clerk; Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

Chairman Heimann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JULY 20, 2009

Secretary Ridgway moved, Commissioner Smith seconded to approve the meeting minutes of July 20, 2009 as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Heimann noted that email messages were sent to commissioners regarding an update for the movie screen purchase, the Milford Criterium Bike Race and grant opportunities. Commissioner Mueller said the deadline for the grant opportunities has passed however he will let the commission know about them next year.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Commissioner Mueller reported the following:

A skate day/design workshop is being planned for Saturday, September 12, 2009 in central park.

The Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP) would like the commission's help in organizing and promoting the final phase community forum & kickoff meeting to be held on October 15, 2009.

The FoMSP is hoping Commissioner Johnson can help with the promotional campaign.

The village's Parks & Recreation Commission unanimously approved the proposed park site on Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) property on General Motors Road just west of Milford Road. The item will be next presented to the village council for consideration.

SUMMER CONCERTS UPDATE

Commissioner Smith reported the concerts were a great success with highest attendance levels ever despite a couple of evenings with inclement weather. He said the committee has met with Supervisor Green and have begun working on next year's events. It was suggested to add several more dates and continue the series into August.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION, MILFORD CRITERIUM BIKE RACE EVENT, AUGUST 22, 2009 – JOE DOLAN

Mr. Joe Dolan and Ms. Vickie Roher, event representatives, presented the first Milford Criterium Bike Race event to be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009 in downtown Milford. Mr. Dolan explained that a criterium, or crit, is a short course bicycle race held on closed off city streets. Mr. Dolan said the race is divided up into classes consisting of junior girls and boys, men and women and each race lasts up to sixty minutes. Ms. Roher stated that sponsors and event related vendors will have an area on Main Street north of Commerce Street with information on biking. They said the event is sanctioned by the U.S.A. Cycling Federation and many members of the group are Milford residents who wanted to do something to help promote a healthy lifestyle in their community.

REQUEST, ADOPT-THE-TRAIL PROGRAM – COLLEEN SCHWARTZ

Mrs. Colleen Schwartz asked the commission to consider establishing a program to help keep the new recreational trail free of litter. She suggested a program modeled after the Adopt-A-Road program, which would pair civic minded groups with a section of the trail for cleanup opportunities.

The commissioners and Mrs. Schwartz discussed how to implement the program. Vice-Chairman Wolfe said he would contact HCMA administration regarding cleanup, signage and mowing schedule and report back to the commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OUTDOOR MOVIE SCREEN UPDATE

Mr. Don Green reported on the status of the movie screen purchase. He said there are only four remaining communities interested in a joint purchase of a movie screen at this time. The commissioners and Mr. Green discussed whether or not to pursue the purchase and it was determined three years of renting a screen equaled the township's portion of purchasing a screen.

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Commissioner Nasholm seconded to request continued negotiations for the purchase of a movie screen and recommend to township board the purchase of a screen. **Vote unanimously carried.**

FALL PICNIC & DRIVE-IN MOVIE PLANNING

The commission finalized the picnic plans. They discussed at length the movie selection and determined to select the movie entitled The Tale of Despereau to be shown at dusk at the vacant Farmer Jack parking lot. They also discussed the need to get the event flyers disbursed around town early. They requested that Mr. Paul Adams of Great

Outdoor Movies try to attend the next meeting so they could ask questions regarding the setup and layout of the parking lot.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Chairman Heimann announced that she received Secretary Ridgway's resignation from the commission. The commission accepted Secretary Ridgway's resignation with regret. Chairman Heimann asked if anyone would like to fill in as secretary for the remainder of the year and Commissioner Robinson said that she would take the position.

Vice-Chairman Wolfe asked if an area for recruiting volunteers could be added to the township's website. Mrs. Brandt said she would look into it.

Vice-Chairman Wolfe also asked if anyone had any photos of previous events to add to the slide show he has been working on.

Commissioner Mazzara said the township's old website is still accessible on the internet. Mrs. Brandt said she would look into getting it removed.

Secretary Ridgway said she was also serving as the liaison to the village Parks & Recreation Commission and thought someone should take her place. Chairman Heimann said she would include it on next month's agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Heimann adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Emily Ridgway
Secretary