

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Arrowsmith, Chairman; Bill Terian, Vice-Chairman; Coni Heimann, Secretary; Commissioners Bill Mazzara, Emily Ridgway, Bob Schwartz

ABSENT: Commissioners Marty Drury and Bette Nasholm, Steve Wolfe

ALSO PRESENT: Leah Groya, Wade Bill Hermann, Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Schwartz moved, Commissioner Ridgway seconded to approve the meeting minutes of September 17, 2007 as presented. Vote unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Arrowsmith said that a special meeting will be held by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the township auditorium regarding discussion on the joint (with Milford Village) Master Land Use Plan.

Mrs. Brandt stated that Oakland County Parks has issued a request for refunding \$325.00 that was spent on the rental of the obstacle course for the fall picnic.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public present at the time the call was put forth.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Arrowsmith added Pool Party Discussion to the agenda under Unfinished Business as noted by Commissioner Schwartz.

2007 FALL PICNIC RECAP

The commission discussed the details of the picnic. It was determined that approximately 1100 children and adults were in attendance and the following were given out: 300 pumpkins, 300 glow bracelets, 24 gallons of cider, 24 dozen

doughnuts, 10 gallons of McDonald's orange drink, 36 dozen tattoos and 13 dozen door knob hangers for coloring. Games were played with potato sack races being very popular. A list for thank you notes was also created and several items were discussed for the next picnic.

REVIEW, PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The commission and Mrs. Groya reviewed Action Program portion of the plan update and, after discussion, made the several changes. Mrs. Groya stated that she would edit the draft as indicated and she would have the final draft available for public scrutiny at least thirty days prior to the public hearing.

Commissioner Schwartz moved, Commissioner Mazzara seconded to approve the Master Plan with edits from tonight's meeting and prior emailed comments.
Vote unanimously carried.

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Commissioner Terian seconded to set a public hearing on December 3, 2007, for review of the updated Parks & Recreation Master Plan. **Vote unanimously carried.**

COMMUNITY POOL PARTY PLANNING

The commissioners discussed the possibility of hosting a community pool party at Milford High School in conjunction with Huron Valley Schools. They were concerned with costs involved and if the school would reduce the cost of rental of the facility. It was determined that Commissioner Ridgway would contact Mr. Muck and establish exactly what the cost would be to use the pool and gym areas, if they had a movie screen and if food could be served.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 MEETING DATES

Mrs. Brandt asked the commissioners if having the January and February meetings on the second Monday, as the township office is closed on the third Monday of those months, would be more convenient than having them on the third Tuesday as in the past. The commissioners decided that the second Monday would be better.

Commissioner Ridgway moved, Commissioner Mazzara seconded to approve the 2008 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting dates as presented. **Vote unanimously carried.**

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Schwartz inquired about the agenda setting and minutes proofing process.

Commissioner Ridgway commented that she spoke with a real estate agent regarding the Gazebos property located on Summit Street and Milford Road, which is for sale. She thought the parcel could be used for a youth center.

Commissioner Mazzara said he would like to have Mr. Ric Mueller, Chairman, Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP) meet with the commission, possibly at the January meeting, to discuss grant writing strategies for the skate park.

The commissioners asked when the next Village Parks & Recreation meeting was scheduled for and also wondered who the contact was for the ice rink setup. Mrs. Brandt said she would contact them with the commission's contact information.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the township auditorium or the Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Arrowsmith adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Coni Heimann,
Secretary