

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marty Drury, Chairman; Commissioners William Mazzara, John Parks, Bob Schwartz

**ABSENT:** Bette Nasholm, Treasurer; Lewis Tripp, Secretary; Steve Wolfe, Vice-Chairman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Donald Green, Township Supervisor; Bob Longuski, Dale Sylvester, Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

Chairman Drury called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commissioners noted a correction on page 3, paragraph 1, after item 6, change "FMSK" to "FoMSP".

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Commissioner Schwartz seconded to approve the meeting minutes of February 22, 2005 as amended. Vote unanimously carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairman Drury announced a letter from Oakland County Parks was received seeking partnerships with local Parks & Recreation Commissions.

#### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Drury introduced Mr. Bob Longuski, Secretary of the Friends of Milford Skate Park Citizens Committee. He expressed Mr. Longuski's interest in possibly seeking an appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **MILFORD RECREATIONAL TRAIL**

##### *Engineering/Grant Updates*

Mr. Green stated a grant application would be submitted to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) by April 1, 2005, for \$400,000. A grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be applied for sometime this year, in the amount of \$600,000.

The grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (CFSEM), in the amount of \$50,000, for engineering documents, has been spent. He said the township is waiting for confirmation that the engineering documents have met the grant criteria.

Commissioner Mazzara noted that it's to the township's benefit that the township has engineering documents to supply with any future grant applications.

*Trail Maintenance*

Mr. Green stated that a Maintenance Agreement is being created between the Huron Clinton Metropark Authority (HCMA) and the township. He noted that the township would begin saving funds each year for future maintenance of the trail, which includes crack filling, mowing and repair of boardwalks.

*Village Segment*

The commissioners discussed ways to get the village's trail segment paved. Mr. Green felt the township could not expend any millage funds on the village trail segment. Commissioner Mazzara explained that any remaining millage funds would need to be put to a vote of the residents for a specific expenditure or refunded to taxpayers.

**SKATE PARK**

*Update, Friends of the Milford Skate Park Citizens Committee*

Mr. Longuski reported that the committee has established six sub-committees for fundraising purposes. Several fundraiser ideas being considered are a skateboard competition and bottled water sales. He noted that a recent bottle collection drive raised \$800.00, with a total of \$1,000.00 in donations on account.

Mr. Longuski stated that the organization has applied for a non-profit designation (501C3) and has established official by-laws.

*Review of 'Friends'/Township Meeting (March 7, 2005)*

Chairman Drury felt the meeting between the committee and several township officials was productive in that it clarified the objectives of both groups regarding the skate park issue.

Mr. Green explained that the 'Friends' committee is a fundraising group, the Parks & Recreation Commission makes recommendations to the Township Board, and the Township Board makes the decisions.

Commissioner Mazzara explained that Open Meetings Act rules apply when more than half of any given board or commission meets.

Commissioner Mazzara reported that the Township Board unanimously approved a letter of support for the Friends of Milford Skate Park Citizens Committee.

#### COMMISSION VACANCIES

Chairman Drury reiterated that Mr. Longuski may be interested in serving in the commission. Mr. Dale Sylvester also expressed that he may be interested in serving on the commission.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION LOGO

###### *Ideas/Concepts, Committee*

The commissioners discussed various ideas for the logo. Commissioner Mazzara felt the township's logo ought to be incorporated in the design. After further discussion the commissioners agreed. The issue of forming a committee for this endeavor did not get discussed.

##### P & R MASTER PLAN REVIEW/UPDATE

###### *Review 2002-2007 Projects/Goals, 2005-2007 New Projects/Goals*

Commissioner Mazzara referred to page 35 of the plan, which discusses the Basis for Action for establishing a plan. He said the initial goal of the plan was to obtain grants. He felt any new goals set would need to be obtainable.

The commissioners discussed at length one goal in particular – Land Acquisition. They reviewed the Recreation Inventory Map and discussed areas of the township to locate a potential park and obtaining land from developers in the south end of the township. They discussed initiating a feasibility study for potential future land purchases for a park.

The commissioners also discussed securing HCMA land west of Hubbell Pond. However they noted that Milford Village currently leases the property for an extensive amount of time before expiration.

Mr. Green suggested the commission put forth a request to the Township Board to pursue a land purchase from the Garrett property at the south end of the township.

Commissioner Mazzara moved, Commissioner Schwartz seconded to request the Township Board to approach Mr. Joel Garrett for the purchase of 20-30 acres at the southeast corner of South Hill and Maple Roads for future park development. **Vote unanimously carried.**

Mr. Green said he would speak with someone from Livingston Engineering regarding the design and costs of baseball, soccer fields, etc.

**VILLAGE P & R CENTRAL PARK MASTER PLAN**

Chairman Drury stated that the Village Parks & Recreation Commission is in the process of reviewing and updating plans for Central Park, with direction from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the commissioners.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, April 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Conference Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Drury adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Lewis Tripp,  
Secretary