

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Coni Heimann, Chairman; Steve Wolfe, Vice-Chairman; Emily Ridgway, Secretary; Commissioners Abby Cooper, Bill Mazzara, Bette Nasholm, Alan Smith

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Anthony Raimondo, Bob Schwartz

**ALSO PRESENT:** Holly Brandt, Recording Secretary

Chairman Heimann called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and determined that a quorum was present.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Smith requested an amendment to the second to last sentence on page one to read ...*"and decided to charge \$150.00 per camper, which includes \$20.00 per camper towards scholarship funds,"*...

Commissioner Smith moved, Commissioner Cooper seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 21, 2008 as amended. **Vote unanimously carried.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The commissioners reviewed the Friends of Milford Skate Park (FoMSP) Press Release, which announced upcoming events. It was noted the skateboarding festival to be held on June 21, 2008 has been canceled.

Chairman Heimann added the request for funds from the Huron Valley Running Club, dated May 12, 2008, to the end of New Business.

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

There was no public present.

#### **SKATE PARK UPDATE**

Commissioner Mazzara felt the township needed make a greater effort to help the FoMSP get funding for the park. He requested that Mr. Ric Mueller, Chairman, FoMSP, be invited to attend next month's meeting to discuss fundraising issues. Commissioner Mazzara suggested that he could provide a cost estimate for the park, which could be included to grant applications.

The commission discussed ways to find sources to assisting in seeking grants.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS DAY CAMP PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP**

Secretary Ridgway said three of the ten open camper positions given to Milford Township will be filled by Huron Valley Youth Assistance by kids from low income households. She stated the township's engineering firm, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, has donated \$455.00 to help offset costs to additional campers who need assistance paying for camp.

The commissioners discussed the program and felt the remaining seven openings should be posted on the township website. Secretary Ridgway agreed to add the information to the website. She also stated the bus route schedule should be completed this week, which would provide the specific times for pickup and drop off.

**SPRING 2008 PICNIC PLANNING**

The commission reviewed the work plan and finalized the remaining issues. Commissioner Wolfe said he would take care of changes to the banner and get it hung up at Johnson Elementary. Commissioner Mazzara said that Chris Baker of Bakers of Milford was donating 300 hot dogs and buns for the event. Secretary Ridgway reported the Milford Business Association (MBA) would be offering a 10% discount at participating businesses on picnic day. It was determined to request \$2,000.00 from township board for picnic expenses.

The commissioners also discussed providing recycling bins at the picnic. Mrs. Brandt said she would find out if special containers could be provided.

**PERMANENT PARKS & RECREATION NEWSLETTER**

Mrs. Brandt said she met with representatives from Oakland County Mailing Services and said it would be possible to have them do newsletter mailings with their postage permit. She stated there are approximately 5700 households in the township, including the village.

The commissioners discussed the newsletter idea and requested that county representatives attend next month's meeting if possible and Mrs. Brandt said she would try to arrange it.

**GROUNDBREAKING EVENT FOR MILFORD VILLAGE TRAIL, MAY 31, 2008**

Chairman Heimann stated that Commissioner Schwartz would be attending the event and was hoping other members would also attend. She asked that interested members email him.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PERMANENT SIGNS FOR PICNICS IN THE PARK EVENTS**

Commissioner Cooper presented quotes she received from area printers for 16' x 24" signs to place around town prior to the picnic event. The commissioners discussed the quotes and the number of signs to order. It was determined to request \$350.00 for the purchase of 25 signs from Oakland County Print Shop.

**REQUEST, SPONSORSHIP OF LABOR DAY 30K EVENT – HURON VALLEY  
RUNNING CLUB**

The commission reviewed the request, dated May 12, 2008, and felt more time was needed to make a recommendation. It was determined to place this item on the June agenda.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Commissioner Wolfe said Kensington Metropark would install interpretative signs along the Milford/Kensington Trail. He discussed the trail agreement between the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) and Milford Township and expressed concern that the township could be liable for trail cleanup.

The commissioners discussed attendance issues and whether or not regular meeting attendance was important to serving on the commission. The by-laws regarding attendance was also reviewed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Heimann adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Charter Township of Milford,

Emily Ridgway,  
Secretary