

**SUMMARY REPORT TO MANAGER**  
for City Council Meeting of December 21, 2009

**SUBJECT: DUATHLON EVENT REQUEST**

**RESOLUTION SUMMARY:** This resolution approves the request from Craig Elford and Kage Butcher to hold a duathlon on Saturday, July 24, 2010, beginning at 8:00 a.m., utilizing the City Forest, and charging an entry fee, and authorizes the Administrative Staff to approve future requests if conducted in substantially the same manner.

**ITEMS ATTACHED:**

1. Letter of transmittal
2. Letter of request
3. Resolution

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

1. 3/5 vote required to approve resolution

Jack Duso  
Assistant City Manager



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December 14, 2009

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Midland  
Midland, Michigan 48640

Dear Councilmen:

Attached please find a request from Craig Elford and Kage Butcher seeking permission to hold a duathlon on Saturday, July 24, 2010, beginning at 8:00 a.m., utilizing the City Forest and charging an entry fee. The Administrative Staff has reviewed the request and recommends approval of the request.

Attached for your consideration is a resolution which will grant approval of the request. The resolution also grants authority to the Administrative Staff to approve future requests if conducted in substantially the same manner.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jack Duso  
Assistant City Manager

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Karen Murphy  
Director of Public Services  
Midland Michigan

Please review the following information regarding our proposal to present an off-road, mountain bike duathlon located at Midland's City Forest on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 2010. The event will be part of the upcoming Midland Sports Festival and will be presented by local businesses: Mid-Michigan Multisport LLC, and Functional Training Solutions LLC. The purpose of the proposed event will be to encourage multisport participation within the Mid-Michigan community while promoting active and healthy lifestyles.

The proposed duathlon will take place on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 am. The course will consist of a 3 mile run/ 12 mile bike/ 3 mile run starting and ending near the sled hill at city forest. Course measurement, marking, timing, and scoring will be performed by a race management company yet to be determined. Event set up will occur on Friday afternoon and will conclude (including clean up) by 12:00 pm on the race day.

The organizers of this event will provide a general liability policy for the event and will add the City of Midland as a rider if needed. We will provide an appropriate number of volunteers and will plan to have EMS services on site during the entire race. Post race food and refreshments will be made available to participants. Local vendors may be on site promoting their business and selling products relevant to the race i.e. energy drinks, bike tubes, outdoor clothing etc. No drugs and/or alcohol will be supplied in any way.

Registration costs for this event will be estimated around \$45-\$60 for individual entry and will be handled by the race organizers/race management company. Given the ever increasing interest in multisport activities such as triathlon and duathlon, we will anticipate a modest 100-200 entries for the inaugural event.

I hope that this information provides you with a basic outline regarding what we are hoping to provide as part of the Midland Sports Festival. Thank you for your consideration. Given the amount of planning involved in organizing this type of event and noting that most multisport athletes make up their race schedules in December/January for the upcoming season, we would appreciate a prompt reply regarding this event.

Sincerely,

Craig Elford  
Kage Butcher  
Event Organizers



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BY COUNCILMAN

RESOLVED, that the request from Craig Elford and Kage Butcher to hold a duathlon on Saturday, July 24, 2010, beginning at 8:00 a.m., utilizing the City Forest, and charging an entry fee, is hereby approved; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Administrative Staff is hereby authorized to approve future requests if conducted in substantially the same manner.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

I, Selina Tisdale, City Clerk, City of Midland, Counties of Bay and Midland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by a yea vote of all the Councilmen present at a regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 21, 2009.

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Selina Tisdale, City Clerk

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