



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, September 11, 2006, 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:35 p.m.

Members present: P. Brink, P. Salathiel (Co-Chairs), C. Abernethy, L. Brohl, K. Guy, N. Knopf, J. Maitland, O. Sherberneau

Members excused: F. Gingras, K. Guy, D. Krause

Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary
M. McDonough, GT Conservancy

A. Correspondence: None

B. Consider approval of the August 14, 2006, meeting minutes:

**MOTION BY SHERBERNEAU. SECONDED BY KRAUSE TO APPROVE THE
JULY 10, 2006, MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Limited Public Comment: None

D. Discuss additional committee members:

Brink welcomed three guests who have expressed an interest in the Shoreline Advisory Committee; Brenda Tikkanen, Branch Manager of the Acme Northwestern Bank, Wayne Kladder, Township Board Trustee and Acme resident, Ron Reinhold.

E. Reports from subcommittees:

1. Meeting with land owners:

Brink spoke for McDonough who was unable to attend this meeting. McDonough had meetings with VanZandt, Coes and Knopf. All though confidential McDonough reported that meetings were successful at this point. It is the busy season for the property owners but talks will continue on in the Fall months. The properties the committee are interested in are south of the Shell gas station. There are three that we currently are interested in.

2. Fundraising:

Guy reported that they had been working "fast and furiously" behind the scenes without a lot to show for. In previous meetings we discussed the Trust Land Alliance (TLA) and the work they do on millages. We thought about doing a millage but have decided not to pursue now. We still have work to do on the Master plan, \$20,000.00 would be needed to fund the millage, and we need to have a more concrete plan for properties. Guy said the DNR Trust Fund deadlines are April 1 and August 1. Perhaps we could strive to make the April 1, 2007, deadline. We would have time to line up our properties. Also Keith Charters is back on this board and he owns property in the township and has an interest in the area. At one time Charters was chair of this board. Krause mentioned the meeting when Howard Walker came.

He thought Walker had mentioned other funding. It was suggested that we contact Walker to see what information is available.

3. Shoreline master plan:

Krause believes that we need to hire a design consultant and physically do a master plan. Krause passed out a Wish list from 2003 showing that the residents want to have shoreline that is preserved for the use of the residents.

4. Communications:

Brohl handed out a rough draft of information that could appear on a Shoreline website. Brink said it was a good beginning. We will continue to build on the information provided by Brohl. Brohl will work with Corpe to get an article about the Shoreline in the next township newsletter.

F. Consider proposal to seek MDOT approval to open up the view at the roadside park (across from the Bayview):

Brink opened the discussion. He thought perhaps we could cut down some of the undercover brush and growth that blocks ones view of the water. MDOT will not do the work. Kladder mentioned the disease that oak trees are currently carrying. Now is not the time to do any trimming on these trees. It takes about a year to cycle out of the trees. It was decided to leave the park alone for now.

G. Adjourned at 5:35 p.m.