



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:40 p.m.

Members present: P. Salathiel, P Brink , K. Guy (4:50) , D. Krause, K. Magliochetti,
J. Maitland, S. Vreeland, Township Manager

Members absent: C. Abernethy, B. Garvey, F. Gingras, N. Knopf, O. Sherberneau

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

A. Consider approval of December 23, 2008, meeting minutes:

MOTION BY KRAUSE TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 10, 2008, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MAITLAND. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Limited Public Comment: None

Salathiel began the meeting with a quote from Gandhi.....

"A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history."

She believes this to be a good way to begin a new year.

C. Old Business

1. Landowner relations update

McDonough reported that he had met with Nader Saco a few times. Saco is the owner of the Sun and Sand, which is to the south of Mountain Jack's. At one of the meetings a different appraiser was present who was not part of the formal appraisal but had taken a look at the Sun and Sand. He had some concerns and comments with only the comparable approach and not looking at the income. We looked at a few of the units. Perhaps with this new information it would merit a new appraisal. The same appraiser will be doing one on Mountain Jack's where we will be sharing the cost. McDonough said he had met with George Sarris. There is a huge discrepancy between the appraisals. McDonough said it warrants having another appraisal on the Sarris property. Discussion followed.

MOTION BY MAITLAND. SECONDED BY GUY TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD TO DO THREE SHORELINE APPRAISALS AT A COST OF UP TO \$6000.00. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Fundraising update and discussion of options for raising matching funds

Olds told the committee that she will be working with Dave Langhorst, from MDOT, to revise and resubmit the Transportation Enhancement grant. We have been informed that we may do this for a lesser amount than originally was submitted.

Guy and Olds had a meeting to discuss options for raising funds. A handout was provided to committee members detailing, Phase I and II – Total remaining private fundraising needed, dates and potential funding sources. Goals of the plan were listed. Olds prepared a list of action items for January and February.

Olds said a meeting of the Hotels and Motels Association in Traverse City, is planned for Tuesday, February 10 th. We have been asked to give a 15-20 minutes presentation of the Shoreline project. Olds, Guy, Salathiel and Vreeland will be working on that. Vreeland commented on the recent meeting with Rep. Dave Camp's office. She received a listing of potential grants available.

3. Communications

We discussed writing a forum article or a 1/2 page ad in the Record Eagle thanking the community for all the support. The committee thought it very important to do this. Brink and Salathiel will begin working on putting information together. Vreeland will look into costs for running this. Krause gave a draft of his brochure to Olds and McDonough to review. They liked it and will be using it along with other information.

Olds told the committee that the Conservancy would maintain a website relating to the Shoreline. There could be pictures and reprints of articles from the Record Eagle. Vreeland will set up a link from our website to the Conservancy's website.

D. New Business

1. Advisory committee reappointment process

Brink commented that he had told the Board at the December meeting that he recommends that the Board consider reappointing chairpeople and members to all of the advisories coincident with the beginning of the new administration cycle. It seems to be a prudent thing to do from time to time. Brink would be glad to continue serving as desired.

E. Public Comment/Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.