



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY MINUTES
Wednesday, May 18, 2011 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:37 p.m.

Members present: P. Salathiel, P.Brink (Co-chairs) C. Abernethy, J. Aukerman, C. Fry, B. Garvey, F.Gingras, K. Guy, D. Krause, J. Maitland, J. Watts
Members excused: O. Sherberneau
Staff present: S. Vreeland, Township Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary
Also present: M. Olds, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.
M. McDonough, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy

1. [Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2011 meeting:](#)
Motion by Maitland. Seconded by Krause to approve the meeting minutes from April 20, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Limited Public Comment:** None

3. **Business**

1. **Landowner issues - McDonough**

McDonough said we are only talking about the issues as they relate to the properties. Things are moving along fairly well. He said a meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 19th with the owners and legal counsel from Mt. Jack, along with the Conservancy and their legal counsel to discuss the implications of the fact that the Township will not be prepared to make a decision with East Bay Harbor in regards to moving ahead with the June 30th closing.

Sun and Sands appraisals are in and McDonough said they are higher than original thought. The DNRE has all the paperwork regarding the above and now we are waiting for the green light.

McDonough said the appraisal on the Sarris property will be done on Friday and then a meeting will be set with Mrs. Sarris.

2. **Fundraising update – Olds**

Olds handed out a updated (05/18/11) handout on **“Gift Table and Financials”**

For Phase 2 of the Acme Shoreline. Olds said the remaining need is about \$30,000.00 less than last month coming in at \$264,301.00.

Olds said on the Rotary Charities grant we were being asked to match the grant which is \$75,000. Brink said we believe it is important that the Township be seen as supporting the Phase II property acquisition, and recommend that the Township make a contribution of \$75,000 toward Phase II costs. This would be only 2.3% of the total acquisition cost. Brink said it is an important (and necessary) gesture for some of the foundations which are being approached for the remaining Phase II funding needs.

MOTION BY MAITLAND TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION OF \$75,000 TOWARD PHASE II COSTS. SECONDED BY WATTS. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **May 25 Ribbon cutting ceremony - Mort**

On, Wednesday, May 25, 5:30-7:00 p.m, there will be a Phase I Ribbon Cutting service at the Acme Shoreline Park. Hot dogs, Strawberry Shortcake and local wines will be served. Marsha Smith, Rotary Charties will be guest speaker. Mort encouraged advisory members to “take 2-3 guests under their wing”, walk around the property,answering any questions. Olds will put together a sheet of information to share. No donations will be solicated.

4. Marina Update – Aukerman

Aukerman said the Marina Feasibility study will be presented at the Planning Commission meeting, Monday, May 23, and again at the Board meeting on Tuesday, June 7th. There is a executive summary that is linked to the Planning Commission agenda on the township website.

5. Hoxsie House update/Phase I Shoreline restoration plan – Vreeland

Krause asked when the grass was going to be planted. Vreeland said that Kladder had bids on the hydro-seeding but the ground must be at least 60 degrees and with all the cold weather we were not there yet. Kladder thought it may even be July before the seeding can begin. The bathrooms at Bayside will be open on May 23rd. The Trust sign will be in place for the Ribbon Cutting event on May 25th.

A group of students from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, will be doing some research at the Hoxsie House the end of May.

6. Signage update – Olds

There was nothing to report.

Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.