



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY MINUTES
Wednesday, July 13, 2011 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:34 p.m.

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

Acme residents Chris and Pete Romeo, Gordie LaPointe and David Fry were also in attendance.

1. [Approval of Minutes from May 18, 2011 meeting:](#)

Motion by Maitland. Seconded by Abernethy to approve the May 18, 2011, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Limited Public Comment:** None

3. **Business**

1. **Land acquisition update - McDonough**

McDonough said there have been delays on the Phase 2 processing. There are new DNRE staff members and they are questioning the appraisals.

2. **Fundraising update – Olds**

Olds said thanks to the many generous donors who gave gifts of all sizes we reached the Phase II funding goals. We now move forward to Phase III.

3. **Costal Zone Management grant application – Vreeland**

Vreeland handed out copies of the recently applied Costal Management Program grant to complete a “Planning Acme Township’s New Public Shoreline: A Smart Growth Approach”. The amount of the grant is \$20,000. Also included was a letter from Rotary Charities informing Acme Township of a \$5000.00 **grant specifically for finishing the decision making on the Knollwood** ~~planning grant for the New Public Shoreline plan~~. The goal of the project is to encourage public input in creating a plan for a one-mile of shoreline.

4. **David Fry speaking engagements - Olds**

Olds commented that David Fry will be speaking to the Elk Rapids Rotary in September and also the Traverse City Rotary in August.

5. **Discussion of Committee’s mission going forward/Election of chairperson(s)- Kladder**

Kladder reviewed the Shoreline Advisory’s history and talked about going forward. Brink and Salathiel would like to step away from the chairpersons responsibility for awhile. They will remain active on the advisory. Brink said that Guy had expressed interest in being a chairperson.

Motion by Maitland. Seconded by Magliochetti to appoint Brink and Salathiel to seek nominees for chairperson(s) of the Shoreline Advisory. Motion carried.

6. Marina Update – Aukerman

Aukerman said the Marina Feasibility study is complete; research and content is done. She presented it to the Planning Commission meeting on, May 23, and again at the Board meeting on Tuesday, June 7th.

Her goal is to submit to the DNR Waterways as soon as possible as they will need a three month review. Aukerman believes that the township will be receiving its 50% reimbursement by November.

The market analysis shows there is documented, unmet slip demand in this region. She believes Phase One/Two, executed simultaneously, is optimal plan.

Edgewater recommends charging regional rates and holding expenses to 25% of gross revenues. Aukerman said even if you make projections at the most conservative level and pursue grants and funding that holds bonding to \$2M, you still get an operating surplus of \$64,582.

Aukerman proposed how the township could afford this. The first step would be to pursue and complete the Preliminary Engineering study to commence in Fall, 2012, by applying for the DNR Waterways Grant money during April 1, 2012 cycle.

She encouraged maintaining and building relationships with current and new DNR decision makers with the goal of obtaining 50% grant monies from DNR Trust fund and DNR Waterways.

Aukerman asked if the committee would support the Board to move forward on the Preliminary Engineering study. A municipal marina can be the catalyst for Acme Township, and anchor to a downtown center and a major role in the welcome to the picturesque Grand Traverse Bay.

Motion by Maitland. Seconded by Sherberneau to support that the Board of Trustees agree to execute the Preliminary Engineering Study beginning in Fall, 2012, pending receipts of grants to support a minimum of 50% of cost. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:15 p.m.