



**ACME TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 13, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: H.Yamaguchi (Chair), S.Feringa, M. Guy, N. Kaetchen, M.Timmins
Members excused: O. Sherberbeau
Staff present: W. Kladder, Township Supervisor
T. Henkel, Parks Supervisor
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Yamaguchi welcomed, Nancy Kaetchen, a Deepwater Point Road resident as our newest Parks & Rec advisory member. She will serve a 3 year term.

Kladder reported the treatment of Phragmites is expected to occur between September 12 – October 19. The cost to the township for chemical treatment will be \$1000.00, as there is less grant funding than has been available in previous years. He also said that the Board approved the purchase of a new ¾ ton truck with a Boss plow for Henkel. Kladder said that the township had received notice of a large stand of invasive Japanese Knotweed at Bayside behind the gas station.

Kladder talked about an Eagle Scout Service project being done by Ian Thomas Cummings. The project involves the restoration/improvement of 3 wooden information kiosks and a donor recognition stone surrounding the Yuba Creek Natural Area. This will involve trimming back surrounding overgrowth, removing insect nest(s), trimming the grass underneath, designating a path to one of the kiosks with wood chips, scraping the kiosks (in preparation for new stain), staining the kiosks, and laying gravel around the kiosks and the donor recognition stone.

Limited Public Comment: None

Consider approval of the [08-23-12](#) meeting minutes:

Motion by Timmins. Support by Guy to approve the minutes of 08-23-12 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation:

Henkel said the parks are beginning to slow down and will be closed on September 30th for the season. He has been requesting bids to remove the Willow tree in front of the Hoxsie House. Henkel just completed fixing the roof on one of the shelters at Sayler Park.

Old Business:

Timmins reported on what has been happening with the Placemaking Leadership team. The conceptual design drawings were on hand. The team reviewed the drawings. Concerns and

suggestions were discussed.

Events ordinance and Parks Ordinance 2009-01 as they relate to Acme Parks

Yamaguchi said the advisory was given the charge to come up with ideas on what might be permissible on our parkland, and what might be in an ordinance governing such events. We are using the Traverse City Public land use ordinance as a guide.

Yamaguchi compiled all the edits into a 12 page worksheet. The advisory reviewed and made additional changes for the first six pages at the last meeting. We continued the review of the last 6 pages. The advisory also reviewed suggested uses and Events in Acme Township park land. This will now be turned over for review by legal counsel for the township.

Election of Officers

Motion by Guy. Seconded by Kaetchen to appoint Feringa and Timmins as co-chairs of the Parks & Rec. Advisory. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED AT 8:30 pm