



**ACME TOWNSHIP  
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Monday, December 15, 2008, noon  
Acme Township Hall  
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

**Meeting called to Order at 12:05 pm**

**Members present:** B. Whiting (Chair), D. Dunville, D. Galligan, S. Vreeland, Township Manager  
**Members excused:** E. Huver-Kuncaitis, C. Wacker  
**Staff present:** N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

**1. Approval of November 7, 2008, meeting minutes**

**MOTION BY DUNVILLE. SECONDED BY VREELAND TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 7, 2008, ADVISORY MINUTES WITH TWO CORRECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. Limited Public Comment**

John Kennedy, 4765 Arthur Court, provided the Advisory with a list of potential names of people who could provide a history of Bertha Vos school and the surrounding area. They are Eugene Lewis, David Stites of Grand Blanc, Bill VanEpps and his sister, Char, Jack and Marge Anderson, Martha Acker and the Williamsburg Genealogy Society.

**3. Old Business:**

**a. Action items from November 7, 2008, meeting**

Whiting reported that Dunville, Galligan and herself organized the memorabilia from Bertha Vos school that is currently being stored at the Kwiikee Kwiver Manufacturing company here in Acme. Dunville was able to scan to Galligan 22 pictures that he put on a disc. Galligan also mentioned that he had at least 60 pictures from the last closing days of school at Bertha Vos. We would like to make up a documentary at some point in the future. The committee talked about purchasing some equipment to do the oral histories. Galligan would be willing to use what he has.

Kennedy asked if there were any books when they were organizing. Whiting said no. Kennedy said that there is a book "What goes bump in the attic?" that was written by Lori Banter in 1910. He believes a copy of this was given to Wacker. Kennedy has copies of the book if we are not able to locate it.

The subject of Knollwood came up. This is one of the properties on the Shoreline project. Vreeland said that a company has offered to remove the building with the understanding that the house would be theirs. Whiting asked Vreeland if the DNR

funding would allow for the Knollwood to remain on the property and be used for a museum. Vreeland will look into this but believes that the answer will be no. If the building remains it would have to be ADA accessible along with all the staff areas. Whiting mentioned the Natural Shoreline in Empire and the museum there. Vreeland said the advisory could look into moving the Knollwood to property near the Music House. The Music House is in the process of acquiring five more acres. Whiting will contact the president of the Music House.

**4. New Business:**

Vreeland told the advisory that the next 2% Tribal grant cycle ends on December 30, 2008. We will be applying for a grant. She has prepared a budget to be used in the grant writing. We talked about having a year around Tribal exhibit. Vreeland mentioned contacting Mark Russell, of the Tribal Museum in Suttons Bay. Two other names were mentioned, Clara Moon and Evelyn Rivas, as possibly having information about the history of the Tribe in the area.

Donna Saylor, 8265 Saylor Road, representing the Yuba School Preservation group, spoke of their efforts to preserve the Yuba School. The school belongs to the Elk Rapids school system. Jon Hoover, Superintendent of the Elk Rapids Schools, is very interested in this project. Saylor said it was the goal of the group to keep the building as original as possible. They would like to someday being open and have local schools visit.

Vreeland commented that we have Ron Jolly, local radio announcer and Acme Township resident, who possible could interview people for our oral histories. Also mentioned were another local producer, Richard Brauer, perhaps would supply a recording studio for our use. Advisory members will look into this.

Whiting will be writing an article for the Township newsletter regarding the Heritage Advisory.

No meeting date for January was chosen.

**Adjourn 1:00 pm**