



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 12, 2005, 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:35 p.m.

Members present: P. Salathiel, P Brink (Co-Chairs) N. Knopf, K. Guy, D. Krause
Members absent: C. Abernethy, F. Gingras
Staff present: S. Corpe, Township Manager, N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

- A. Correspondence:** None
- B. Reports:** None
- C. Limited Public Comment:** None
- D. New Business:**

Bill Kurtz, Township Supervisor, opened the meeting with a welcome and a thank you as this is a newly formed advisory committee.

Paul Brink named the new members to the committee which was everyone who had applied.

Dave Krause gave a history of this newly developed committee. Three years ago Salathiel and Krause first discussed forming such a committee. Wayne Kladder, Warren Goodell, and Guy were part of the original group. There were about 5-6 meetings. A fundraising brochure was created. No public money available if totally private, no bond issue or millage. It would be a goal to get seed money to option several properties. Committee felt it would be better to work through the township.

Can we become 501(c)3? Do we qualify for tax deductions? We need to do more research. Guy discussed the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) They would help with grant writing but no funds are available at this time.

Salathiel and Brink met with Marsha Smith of Rotary Charities. Brink was struck by her optimism and enthusiasm. She is always looking for local initiative. We need a plan to create a plan. We need to do more before we can write a Rotary grant. It was suggested that a meeting of potential funding sources be held to get a general feel for the community. Smith was very willing to work with us in getting a plan together.

We looked at a map of the available shoreline parcels. Knopf suggested that we look at all vacant land in the township, Saylor Park, Deepwater Point, two parcels mentioned.

We discussed our mission statement and objectives. Our mission statement will read: "It is the committee's goal to advise the township to acquire, restore the scenic character and public usability of the irreplaceable shoreline within Acme Township for current and future generations." In the first objective the wording "perform" was replaced "with work to support."

Motion by Brink, support by Guy to recommend approval of the mission statement and the objectives. Motion carried unanimously.

We discussed our next steps in this process. It was suggested that we contact Matt McDonough of the GTRLC, for help in establishing criteria for shoreline property. We need to indentify the target properties. Brink will look into where to put the money we receive. We need to get the word out, perhaps in the next newsletter. No date set for the next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:43 p.m.