



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
Thursday, October 18, 2006, 12:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 12:00 p.m.

Members present: P. Brink, P. Salathiel (Co-Chairs), F. Gingras, K. Guy,
Members excused: None
Staff present: M. McDonough, GT Conservancy
S. Corpe, Township Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Brink called the meeting to order while we ate lunch. Salathiel has been away for several months so to catch her up on what has been happening two of the subcommittees met today; Finance and Communications.

Guy reported that it had been awhile since this sub-committee had met. In previous meetings we discussed the Trust Land Alliance (TLA) and the work they do on millages. We thought about doing a millage but have decided not to pursue now. Guy said we need to slow down and continue focusing on acquiring funding for the proposed properties. Guy said the DNR Trust Fund deadlines are April 1, and August 1. We are striving to the make the April 1, 2007, deadline.

McDonough spoke about his meetings with two of the property owners. Although some facts are confidential. He met with VanZandt and Knopf, who have expressed an interest. Several phone messages have been left for the Coes but no respond. Of the two parties interested one expressed an option payment that was the highest the Conservancy had ever seen.

McDonough said the first course of action would be to have appraisals done to determine what is the fair market value. Each appraisal would cost \$2000.00 a piece. Currently this committee has \$2300.00 available. McDonough will look into lower appraisal bids.

McDonough reported on how Long Lake township was handling the upcoming November millage election to acquire land in the township. Twenty five couples came together and met with people and asked questions; getting people's likes and dislikes. McDonough said Errin Anderson from the Conservancy would work with us on how to do this survey. When the time comes for a millage we need to appeal to a broader base of voters. If we include a boat launch along with the shoreline we are appealing to two different groups of voters. If they vote for a boat launch they most likely would also vote for the Shoreline.

Guy will work on a timeline and feasible study for the next meeting.

Brink said that the Master Plan subcommittee under Chair, Krause, have been unable to meet. Krause is currently out of town. Brink said some of the long term vision of the master plan was to have a "light rail" from Acme to Traverse City.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2006, at 4:00 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:15 p.m.