



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 25, 2007, 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. Brink, P. Salathiel (Co-Chairs), K. Guy (4:50 p.m.) D. Krause, N. Knopf, F. Gingras, O. Sherberneau

Members excused: C. Abernethy, L. Brohl, J. Maitland

Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

- A. **Correspondence:** None
- B. **Consider approval of the March 12, 2007, meeting minutes**

MOTION BY KRAUSE. SECONDED BY SHERBERNEAU TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

- C. **Public Comment:** None

D. Old Business

1. Update on Rotary Grant

Brink reported that our application had been approved. We received a \$5000 grant to be used for R. Clark and Associates to do the master plan. Brink commented that we need to do well with the money, spend wisely, and then in the future we can apply for a larger amount. Guy said that we will have to report back to the Rotary what we did with the money. A representative from the committee will need to be in attendance when the grants are given.

Brink reported that he recently did a follow up with Senator Levin's office. He was very encouraged. Our grant request was forwarded to the next step along the way. Kurtz mentioned that Dave Camp will be in town the end of Cherry Festival week. Perhaps a connection can be made during that time. Kladder asked about Debbie Stabenow. Guy knows one of the assistants to Stabenow and she will make contact with her.

2. Update on other fundraising initiatives

Guy reported that there was no news to report. We need to raise private funding. We need funding to do a feasibility study. This will determine individual and public support and also if a mileage is needed. Guy said we need to submit a grant to the DNR for the August deadline. Guy suggested a Finance subcommittee meeting in the near future to discuss and plan for the above issues. We need to be politically position with a plan that we can be confident about.

3. Report on engagement of Russ Clark for master planning assistance: Krause reported that Clark had begun the master planning process. He will be gathering

information such as tax assessments. Corpe, who was not in attendance, has a better view of what is happening. Questions were raised by several committee members about the scope of the planning process. Will this extend to the MDOT park? Will this include Mountain Jack's and the marina?? Knopf raised concerns about the marina as to why we would be interested in that parcel of land. She believes the marina to be a traffic concern as far as pulling in and out of the parking lot. Salathiel commented that many surrounding townships and towns have marinas; such as Elk Rapids, Elmwood, Northport and Suttons Bay. Gingras thought it would be wise to lay out all the possibilities for the master plan. He was in favor of extending all the way to the MDOT park. Sherberneau and Kurtz agreed. Brink asked how would we proceed with R. Clark as we were working on a hourly base with him. The committee felt that Corpe should handle any changes with Clark. Krause will make contact with Corpe.

4. **Review final drafts of communication materials:** Brohl, who was unable to attend left, revisions of the information to be used in the township newsletter, website and a press release to the news. The committee read through the information and was in agreement with everything. We will first have the information in the township newsletter, website secondly and then a press release. It was mentioned that we could publish this in surrounding communities local newspapers, such as Elk Rapids News, Town Meeting, Leelanau Enterprise and the Business News publication.

Krause reviewed with the committee the brochure he is working on. He has been working with a typesetter at Copy Central. As soon as the mock up is ready he will then forward to committee members for input. Krause feels that there is "tons of money" outside of the township. He would like to see someone draw up a list of Businesses, Individuals and Banks that could be potential contributors. Sherberneau suggested Hal VanSumeren has a possibility.

F. **New Business**

1. **Budget request for 07/08**

Brink asked committee members for their input on what we need. Guy estimates that we need between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to do the feasibility study, Krause thought between \$2500 and \$3000 for mailings and communications and Brink thought about \$6000 to do appraisals.

2. **Change in meeting date/New committee member**

Brink suggested that we change our meeting dates from Mondays, as that is the Township Manager's day off. It was agreed to do the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

Brink said there will be no May meeting. We can communicate through emails.

Brink also asked the committee if they would be in favor of Bob Garvey joining the committee. Garvey is chair of the Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee. He has been very helpful in giving this committee direction and was also one of the first contributors. Salathiel will be joining the Farmland Advisory as a member. The committee was in agreement with Garvey becoming a member.

ADJOURNED AT 6:10 p.m.