



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 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) C. Abernethy, B. Garvey, K. Guy
(Conference Call 5:00 p.m.), O. Sherberneau
Members excused: L. Brohl, F. Gingras, N. Knopf, D. Krause, J. Maitland
Staff present: Matt McDonough, GTRL
S. Corpe, Township Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

A. Correspondence: None

B. Consider approval of the June 13, 2007, meeting minutes:

**MOTION BY SHERBERNEAU. SECONDED BY GARVEY TO APPROVE THE
JUNE 13, 2007, MINUTES WITH THREE CORRECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Limited Public Comment: None

D. Old Business

- 1. Landowner Relations: Discuss follow up letter to landowners, Update from Matt McDonough regarding discussions with key landowners, appraisals, etc.**
Brink said that Kurtz and Salathiel met with most landowners in late February. He asked at the last meeting if a follow-up letter would be a good thing to do. Brink handed out a draft of a letter for review. He said a revision in paragraph four would be needed. The paragraph refers to the federal grant application through Senator Levin's office. Abernethy asked Salathiel what the respond of the landowners was in February and she said very interested.

McDonough gave a update about the appraisals. He talked to Knopf and VanZandt and they are willing to have the appraisals. VanZandt asked how evasive the appraisals would be. He was concerned about summer business and intruding with his guests. Midweek would work for him.

Corpe handed out the Shoreline Preservation Fund from the 2007-08 Budget showing that the committee had \$5325.00 to work with. McDonough said there were two low appraisal bids, one for \$3300 and another for \$3450. This bid covers the two properties. The committee decided that McDonough would submit a written recommendation for the August 7th, Board meeting regarding the appraisals. He will include copies of all the bids and make his recommendation to the board.

**MOTION BY SHERBERNEAU TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD
ENGAGEMENT OF APPRAISALS AND TO SELECT THE LOWEST BID AS
RECOMMENDED BY MCDONOUGH. SECONDED BY GARVEY.
MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Fundraising: Review Senator Levin meeting, Natural Resources Trust Fund update, Coastal Zone Management update, Review draft fundraising brochure, Discuss follow up meeting with Harold Chase and Representative Camp's staff.** Salathiel passed out the handout from the Senator Levin meeting on July 14, 2007. She said Senator Levin was most engaged in the presentation. He was interested with lots of questions. He was very impressed with the Shoreline project. On the downside there will be no earmarks this year. Senator Levin encouraged the committee to reapply for 2008. He also said to look into other ways of funding. He would be willing to help in anyway.

Brink and Kurtz had lunch with Keith Charters. Charters is on the Natural Resources Trust Fund Committee. Charters encouraged applying for funding. The 2008 Funding cycle has two deadlines, April 1 and August 1. McDonough commented that April 1st may be a good fit for the committee. DNR does a preliminary scoring and offers suggestions to help with funding on the April 1st deadline.

Salathiel talked about the Coastal Zone Management. Catherine Cunningham Ballard heads up this program. The Federal government disburses money to this program and they distribute the funds. Catherine is very fond of this area, she is aware of our needs. Salathiel said it was a good news to have her heading up this program. Salathiel said there are no political connections and can be more objective. McDonough is acquainted with Catherine and will make a call to her. It was decided that Guy will be included in this conference call to Catherine.

Guy joined the committee at 5:10 p.m. by phone. Brink gave her an update of what had been said up to this point.

Salathiel said that Krause had not made the changes on the brochure. Krause felt that this was not a priority at the current time.

3. **Master Planning process update :**
We reviewed the Acme Township Waterfront Long-range Park Master Plan that was distributed at the June 25th Planning Commission meeting. Clark's next steps are to develop the conceptual park master plan and present that plan to the public and gather public input, and from that input develop the preliminary master plan. There was much discussion about publicizing for this meeting. Brink said there were a number of avenues available; website, a mailing, press release, newsletter. Guy said we should target residences in township. The committee liked the idea of a postcard. The committee will look into this further.

Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.