



**ACME TOWNSHIP**  
**SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Acme Township Hall**  
**6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

**Meeting called to Order at 4:45 a.m.**

**Members present:** P. Brink, P. Salathiel (Co-Chairs) K. Guy, N. Knopf, D. Krause, J. Maitland  
**Members excused:** C. Abernethy, L. Brohl, B. Garvey, F. Gingras, O. Sherberneau  
**Staff present:** S. Vreeland, Township Manager  
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Brink welcomed local radio announcer and Acme township resident, Ron Jolly, to the meeting today.

**A. Correspondence:** None

**B. Consider approval of the September 12, 2007, meeting minutes:**

**MOTION BY MAITLAND. SECONDED BY BRINK TO APPROVE THE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2007, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. Limited Public Comment:** None

**D. Old Business**

**1. Fundraising update**

**a)** Guy reported that she and Gingras had met to discuss goals for fundraising. A goal of \$200,000.00 by January 31, 2008, has been set. Guy said they are recruiting volunteers to form a core group. This group would decide on their strategy for raising support. Guy said we needed to have our internal house in order for receiving, recording and depositing the contributions. Guy would like to see the volunteers lined up by November 5<sup>th</sup>. Salathiel and Brink had a meeting prior to this one with, Harold Chase, Senator Levin's local representative. Chase said the Funding for 2008 was behind schedule. Chase suggested after the Holiday season to start looking again into funding. Salathiel said we need to look into the Kellogg Foundation.

**b) Preliminary review of R. Clark report to Planning Commission regarding shoreline project conceptual plan.**

Ken Ockert, from R. Clark, when through the "Visioning Summary" handout. This summary will be presented to the Planning Commission on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Ockert said that the changes that were made from the meeting held in September were in this summary. He said the one question that came up a lot in the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was would there be a increase in taxes should this Shoreline property be acquired. Ockert reviewed the top five preferred potential recreation items, 1. Designated swimming beach, 2. TART trail connection, 3. Beach area for sun bathing, 4. Biking/running/walking trails and 5. Bay views from us-31.

Ockert talked briefly about the marina being the boat launch. Knopf commented that she found it to be unattractive to preserve Shoreline and then turn the land into parking spaces. Brink asked about a traffic light. Vreeland didn't think one could be there. Salathiel commented that if the marina became a boat launch she could vision canoeing, kayaking and windsurfing from the area.

Ockert pointed out the list of recommendations that were made.

Brink asked Vreeland what the next course of action will be for this project. She said R. Clark will present Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Planning Commission meeting with the hope that a motion will be made to the Board regarding action to be taken. Vreeland said the recommendations will not stand in the way of funding.

**c.) Review proposed fundraising brochure and cover letter**

Guy asked Krause if we could wait to launch the brochure. She would like to reach people first for a bigger contribution. Krause was in agreement with that.

Two draft cover letters were handed out and committee members were asked to review and bring comments and suggestions to the next meeting.

**d.) Discuss DNR Trust Fund Application and 5 year Parks & Recreation Plan update**

Vreeland reviewed the procedure for the DNR Trust fund application. We have two deadlines, April 1 and August 1. If we make the April 1, we will get feedback from the DNR regarding improvements, if we make the August 1, there will be no suggestions made. Vreeland said the Trust Fund covers land acquisition and land improvements. Senator Levin has offer to write a cover letter.

Vreeland spoke about the Parks & Recreation Plan update. She said it is a prerequisite for eligibility to apply for grant funding from the Michigan DNR Trust fund. Our plan must be certified by and on file with them, and must be updated in entirety every five years to maintain our eligibility for the DNR Trust Fund program. Our update time has come, as our plan will be five years old in February 2008. R. Clark Associates was approached earlier this year for a bid. In the process of preparing a bid, Russ Clark found that the plan qualification requirements had been enhanced during the last five years, and a significant amount of work will be required beyond just reading the document and looking for the factual updates caused by the passage of time. The Board will be asked for approval to obtain additional bids for the work at the next scheduled Board meeting. Vreeland said our timeline is very tight, particularly given the upcoming holiday season.

Brink said as this time the committee was to go into closed session to discuss appraisal reports on three properties. He said we would not be going into closed session. The landowners have not seen the appraisals and it would not be right for others to see them before landowners did. Brink also said that McDonough, from the Conservancy, would like to be a part of the closed session. Because he is not a Acme Township resident we would have to enter into a contract with him. Brink believed there would be no charge for his services.

**MOTION BY KRAUSE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MCDONOUGH, FROM THE GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL CONSERVANCY. SECONDED BY MAITLAND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNED AT 5:45 p.m.**