



**ACME TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 22, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to Order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: O. Sherberneau (Chair), P. Brink, K. Challender, V. Guntzviller, H. Yamaguchi
Members excused: S. Faringo, M. Guy, C. Wacker, S. Vreeland, Township Manager
Staff present: Jamie Wade – Gourdie-Fraser
T. Henkel, Parks & Maintenance Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Consider approval of the minutes of the May 08, 2008, meeting.

MOTION BY CHALLENGER, SECONDED BY YAMAGUCHI TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 08, 2008, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Limited Public Comment:

Kladder was present for the Township Board to express concern over the Maple Bay master planning process. Kladder is aware of a number of concerns about the ideas brought out at the public visioning sessions. People would like the area left natural as it currently is as opposed to largely developed. Kladder favors the lowest possible density/impact use. Kladder passed around some draft proposed changes. Kladder will prepare a letter and ask for feedback before sending to the County. A meeting is scheduled Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at the Civic Center for further discussion.

Old Business:

1. Update on Boat Launch project – Jamie Wade

Wade said the survey crews have been working at the park. Wade said it was about 90% QAQC. Sherberneau asked what QAQC meant. Wade said Quality Assurance Quality Control. He showed a layout of the Boat launch. Committee members were given copies to view. Sherberneau wishes the encroachment was not so much into the park. Wade said no trees will be removed. Brink asked if the parking could be further to the East on Township property not currently being used. It would be more of a walk but perhaps parking could be there. Otherwise parking will be by the first shelter. Jack Challender, 4836 Bunker Hill Road, has a sentimental attachment to Shelter 1. He has had family reunions there for many years and would like to see the shelter preserved. Wade commented that perhaps a few handicap parking lots could be there. Guntzviller said there would be grant money from the American Disability Act to help with that. Wade said you need about 3 ft of water to launch a boat. One would have to go out 250 ft

at Saylor Park. Wade said in order to keep the area free of sand you would have to dredge every year or every other year. Wade said you would have to have a wall to protect where you have dredge. There was a lot of discussion about dredging. Kladder raised the question of expense. Wade said expenses could be upwards to \$20,000.00 a year for this. Kladder would like more information about the expense of dredging at the next meeting as this would be an expense to the Township. Wade will work on that along with more sketches for the next meeting.

2. Playgrounds/Grants update – Henkel/Challender

Challender contacted a Business in the Cadillac area that builds and sells playground equipment. She will be meeting with a representative on Thursday, May 29, 2008, at 4:00 at Saylor Park.

She will report back to the committee his suggestions. He will also be able to give some prices. Kladder would like to apply for a Grand Traverse Band 2% Allocation grant for playground equipment for the parks. That deadline is June 30, 2008.

New Business

Kladder challenged the group to take on a new project. He would like the committee to look into continuing the Tart Trails into Elk Rapids. Yamaguchi will begin looking into this and report back at the next meeting.

No meeting date was set for next month at this time.

ADJOURNED AT 8:45 pm