



**ACME TOWNSHIP**  
**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES**  
**Thursday, December 11, 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, S. Feringa, M. Guy, V. Guntzviller, S. Vreeland, Township Manager, H. Yamaguchi  
**Members excused:** K. Challender, C. Wacker,  
**Staff present:** T. Henkel, Parks & Maintenance Manager  
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

**A. Receive and File:**

- 1. Notes of the 10/23/08 meeting (no quorum present)**

**B. Limited public comment: None**

**C. Old Business:**

- 1. Public discussion of potential regulations governing Woodland Acres Access Paths**

Vreeland gave a history of this discussion how the plat of this subdivision, Woodland Acres, contains 25' wide pathways from Deepwater Point Road to the East Bay shoreline. The township has learned that these pathways are the property and responsibility of the township due to the fact that the township approved adoption of the plat and the pathways were not specifically dedicated to the exclusive use of the subdivision. Vreeland said the township has reviewed Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance, adopted in 1982 and amended in 2002, and believe it is too general to fit this unique situation. The township believes that it would be best to create a new ordinance protecting both the public and individual property owners.

She said the township has no plans to call any special attention to the pathways beyond the adoption of the new ordinance. We wish to exercise due care over the township's property, promote common understanding of the use of the pathways and provide for a mechanism by which the rules can be enforced. Vreeland said in the October 23, 2008, meeting we received a variety of opinions from negative to positive.

Brink asked Vreeland what has caused this discussion to begin? She said that last summer the township had received numerous complaints from storage of personal items, fireworks, to trespassing.

Sherberneau asked advisory member for comments. Guy, in attendance last month felt the incidents were isolated regarding the paths. He felt the residents did not want a lot of enforcement. Yamaguchi also supported Guy's take on this saying that he felt the residents would like to handle any issues that arise in a neighborly fashion. Feringa believed enforcement on the paths should be limited and only to cover more severe problems.

Sherberneau opened for public comment.

Ralph Carling, 7106 Deepwater Point, asked if our attorney thought this was township land. He asked how it got from township land to township park?

Steve Stinson, 7396 Peaceful Valley Road. Stinson lives on the East side of the road. He is very passionate about keeping the paths under the control of the neighbors. He would hope that the township would follow.

Chris Stoppel, 7238 Deepwater Point Road, read a written opinion expressing his concerns. He gave a petition with forty Woodland resident signatures to, Sherbeaneau, stating that they desired to not have the township involved. Stoppel talked about forming an association.

Marc Frick, 7385 Deepwater Point Road, thanked the advisory for listening. Frick expressed the same Concerns as others.

Ed Graft, 9567 Palestrum Drive, asked how many complaints we had received. Vreeland said several and one was adamant about finding answers. Vreeland sought legal counsel and what is happening now is the result of that.

Lois Stoppel, 7238 Deepwater Point Road, asked when Beechwood was plotted? Vreeland looked into the records and said it was 1959. Vreeland commented that Woodland Acres was platted in 1905 with the language being very similar.

**Public comment closed.**

After additional discussion by the Advisory, Sherberneau, asked for a motion.

**MOTION BY BRINK. SECONDED BY GUY FOR TOWNSHIP 1) TO RECONFIRM OWNERSHIP OF THE PATHS IN WOODLAND ACREAS, 2) IF IT IS OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP CAN IT BE CLASSIFY AS PARK LAND? AND 3) IF NOT PARK LAND THEN WHAT LAWS WILL GOVERN THEM? MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Update on Tart Trails progress from Bunker Hill Road to Lautner Road**

Yamaguchi passed out an updated proposed bike trail from Elk Rapids to Lautner. This is a project being spearheaded by the Elk Rapids Rotary.

Yamaguchi has met with Kladder, Bob Otwell (from Tart Trails), other interested residents, on two occasions to discuss this.

He said the yellow line showed what had been survey. The blue dotted line is the second alignment with another broadwalk. Blue alignment passes through the Village of Grand Traverse where there is residential development. Alignment Alternative No. 1 goes thru Todd Gokey's land. The committee needs to meet with Gokey to see if he is interested. Vreeland commented that the Shoreline advisory will want to see the Tart Trails pass thru.

**D. New Business:**

**1. Discussion regarding general Parks Ordinance # 82-2**

Advisory reviewed the ordinance and a motion was made.

**MOTION BY GUNTZVILLER. SECONDED BY YAMAGUCHI TO RECOMMENDED TWO CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE, 1) CONCEALED WEAPONS TO BE ALLOWED**

**IN THE PARK AND 2) DOGS ON A LEASE AND OWNERS TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOGS. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Discuss potential fee structure change for Sayler Park pavillion rentals**  
Kladder asked the advisory to discuss the fee structure for Sayler Park pavillions.  
Kladder provided pricing information from several surrounding townships .

**MOTION BY FERINGA. SECONDED BY GUY TO CHARGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS \$25.OO, NON-RESIDENTS \$50.00, \$40.00 FOR ACME BUSINESSES AND \$50.00 FOR NON-ACME BUSINESSES. MOTION CARRIED**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2009.

**ADJOURNED AT 8:45 pm**