



**ACME TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 17, 2009, 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), S. Feringa, V. Guntzviller, M. Guy, H. Yamaguchi
Members excused: P. Brink, S. Vreeland, Township Manager
Staff present: T. Henkel, Parks & Maintenance Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

A. Consider approval of the minutes of the 09-29-09 meeting:

Motion by Guy support by Yamaguchi to approve the minutes of 09-29-09 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Limited Public Comment:

C. New Business:

1. Continued Discussion Five Year Action Plan/Capital Budget

Sherberneau referred to the Acme Township Parks System Plan 2008-2013 manual. Vreeland would like the advisory to review the Parks System Plan Projects and Capital Budget for 2010. After consideration the advisory would then make a recommendation to the Planning Commission and from there to the Board.

Sherberneau asked Yamaguchi for a review on what has taken place to date on the trails.

Yamaguchi talked about the gap or sometimes referred to as trunk trails, between Lautner Road and Bunker Hill road. This passes through property owned by Todd Gokey.

Yamaguchi said the proposed trail would be on the Southern boundary of the Village of Grand Traverse (VGT) property to Lautner Road. Yamaguchi said that Elk Rapids wanted to have the trail running up US 31 to Brackett road and then connect with Lautner. The Elk Rapids group had planned on getting funding from MDOT, but because of serious funding issues there will be no transportation enhancement grants until 2011.

Yamaguchi suggested a gathering of interested people to exchange ideas and suggestions would be good. The group from Elk Rapids, Whitewater, Bates Neighborhood Planning to name a few.

The advisory agreed that in the next meeting they would review the Master plan, maps showing all the roads in the township and existing trails. Sherberneau asked what we should budget. Feringa commented that it would be best to review first and then look into the funding. Perhaps there are projects we can do ourselves.

2. Continued Discussion of Bartlett Road Park currently owned by the County

There was a discussion about the Sayler Park boat launch. The project has been on hold while the issue of dredging is addressed. Sherberneau and Guntzviller continue to investigate.

E. Public Comment/Any Other Business:

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.