



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 9, 2008, 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:40 a.m.

Members present: P. Brink (Joined by phone), P. Salathiel (Co-Chairs) K. Guy, D. Krause, O. Sherberneau

Members excused: C. Abernethy, B. Garvey, F. Gingras, N. Knopf, D. Krause, J. Maitland

Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary
M. McDonough, GT Regional Land Conservancy

A. Correspondence: None

B. Consider approval of the October 24, 2007, meeting minutes: Not a quorum present

C. Limited Public Comment: None

D. Old Business

1. Landowners update

McDonough reported that things were going well. He said Coes had agreed to a reasonable option for 2 1/2 years. He had not made contact with Knopf and VanZandt. He plans to do this in the near future. Sherberneau asked about the property by the Marina owned by George Sarris. Sarris had expressed an interest in selling. McDonough said that Sarris was non-negotiable about the price he was asking. Sarris has suggested a land contract at \$30,000.00 yearly for 2 ½ years at 7%. McDonough does not feel we need to act on this right now. The property has been on the market for several years. McDonough will make a courtesy call before Sarris leaves for Florida.

2. Review update on grant reviews/timelines

Salathiel reported that several committee members were not in attendance today to give reports on grants that they had chosen to research. We will reviewed the ones that are here. McDonough said he had contacted Catherine Ballard-Cunningham. At the present time there is no money for land acquisition or land development. There is money for land improvements, such as volleyball, basketball courts for parks.

McDonough said she is very supportive of our cause. Kladder asked if the money for land improvements would apply to existing parks. We have to replace the playground equipment at Sayler park for insurance purposes. We will look into this.

McDonough talked about the April 1st deadline for Natural Resources Trust Fund.

The township is currently working to update our Parks & Recreation Plan which is a requirement for the trust fund. McDonough would be willing to work with Vreeland when the time is ready to apply. Questions are very specific.

Kladder talked about the tribe's grant cycle which just ended December 31st. They have a six months application cycle. Kladder said he has a call into the tribe but no response yet.

Salathiel reported that Brink and herself had met with MDOT earlier in December.

They were encouraged to apply for something as there are funds available. Salathiel had received some grants information from Township clerk, Dunville. She will look further into this.

Guy reported that Federal funding will become available mid February. We need to open conversations with Senator Levin's local representative, Harold Chase, soon.

3. Future Cultivation event

Guy explained cultivation event where members of the advisory committee open their home to a small group, 3-5 couples. You want to introduce the shoreline presentation in the company of someone they are familiar with and trust. As host you would present the shoreline presentation, engage the group in conversation, and then listen to what interests them. You want them to feel special and then ask if they would be able to contribute. A day or two later you would do a follow-up call. Guy said you want to "strike while the emotion is still fresh with them."

4. Update re: key donors

Guy passed out handouts on the shoreline presentation and also possible questions that might be raised. The committee read through the information. Guy asked committee members to email any comments or suggestions to her. Guy asked McDonough if the Conservancy had generic pledge cards or envelopes. He said they did and would also be able to put some writing and a picture.

F. New Business

Sherberneau said the press release for the Shoreline was ready to go. Salathiel will add some pictures. Vreeland will release to the local news.

Salathiel said there will be a Public input session for Parks & Recreation plan, January 16, 2008, 7:00 pm, at the township. There will be a follow up meeting on the Parks & Recreation plan, January 23, 2008, at 4:30 pm. She encouraged all to attend and to pass the invitation on to others.

Kladder said there will be a Grand Vision at the resort, January 24, 2008, at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNED AT 5:45 pm