



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:40 p.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, J. Maitland

Staff present: S. Vreeland, Township Manager

M. McDonough, GT Regional Land Conservancy

N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

A. Correspondence: None

B. Consider approval of the December 19, 2007, January 9, 2008 meeting minutes and Joint Shoreline and Parks & Recreation January 23, and 28, 2008, 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 two option agreements had been reached with two of the landowners and a "hand shake" agreement with the third. McDonough said there are relocation costs. We would be required to find suitable housing for the landowners who are selling. There is a rather long list of requirements involved. McDonough reported that we will need \$30,000.00 by the end of March to acquire the options. The Conservancy will hold the options. It was also reported that other landowners along the proposed area are expressing an interest in selling at a later date.

McDonough reported that he will be working on the Trust Fund application. The committee compiled a list of potential people to write letters of support to be included in the Trust Fund application. Some possible names were Former Governor Milliken, Senator Levin, Mayor of Traverse City, Local Acme Businesses to name a few.

Vreeland will be working on the federal applications with Senator Deborah Stabenow and Representative Dave Camp.

2. Communications update

Salathiel expressed delight in the recent Shoreline article in the Record Eagle. Interest has been expressed from other media sources to do stories.

Committee members were handed copies of the fundraising material for review. We are going to insert the sentence "Gateway to East Bay" in the information. We will order folders to put the information in to give to potential donors. Salathiel asked McDonough about contribution envelopes.

The Conservancy will provide those. It has been decided to hold off on the brochures for now. Salathiel also asked McDonough if the Conservancy would be writing thank-you notes after a donation. The conservancy will do this and the Advisory co-chairs can also write one as well.

Salathiel asked about having a spokesperson for the Shoreline. When the township receives resident and media calls who would be called upon to talk. It was decided that Vreeland would be the first choice followed by Salathiel and Kladder.

3. Cultivation event

Guy reported that there will be a meeting next week with Gingras, Salathiel and herself to begin identifying the potential donors in groups of one by one, two by two, and so forth. We discussed possible places to have a larger gathering. Kladder commented that when he was fundraising with the Conservancy the Country Hermitage Bed and Breakfast in Acme, was used. Mountain Jacks and the Clubhouse at Lochenheath were mentioned.

4. Parks and Recreation plan update

Vreeland reported that the Parks and Recreation plan had been reviewed twice by the Shoreline and Parks & Recreation Advisory committees with corrections and suggestions made. The Planning commission will review at the February 25th Planning Commission meeting. The Board will vote at the March 4th Board meeting.

F. New Business

1. Discussion to hire part time project manager

Kladder has expressed an interest in possibly hiring a project manager for the Shoreline project. This would be on a volunteer base. This person could write thank you notes, work with the fundraising, grants and so on. Kladder commented that the Conservancy did not always have a project manager. No decision was made at this time.

ADJOURNED AT 5:50 pm