



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 12, 2009, 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. Salathiel, P Brink, C.Abernethy, B. Garvey (4:50), K. Guy (4:45), D. Krause, S. Vreeland, Township Manager

Members absent: F. Gingras, N. Knopf, K. Magliochetti, J. Maitland, O. Sherberneau

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

A. Consider approval of June 10, 2009, meeting minutes:

MOTION BY KRAUSE TO APPROVE THE JUNE 10, 2009, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY VREELAND. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Limited Public Comment: None

C. Business

1. Property acquisition update

Olds said that McDonough has had several conversations with the owner of Shoreside Inn. He is still hoping to structure a sale closing before the end of the year with no reservation on residence. The Trust Fund staff has agreed to do the closings if done one at a time and move from north to south. Willow Beach will be number two when the matching funds are available and Knollwood will be number three. Olds reported that the Sun and Sand option is signed and we have paid the first option payment. The second and last option payment is due June 30, 2010 and will expire in June of 2011. There are no options on the Sarris property but a willingness to sell at a reasonable price..

McDonough has met several times with Keith Charters and the issue was discussed in closed session at the Acme township Board meeting August 13, 2009. The motion was made to accept the option agreement with qualified indemnity language from Doug Bishop's proposal of January 2009 and language drafted by township counsel that indicates the option holder will not release any environmental claims. The new language that was drafted by the Conservancy's attorneys this morning was forwarded to the seller for approval. If all goes well we will have an option sign by the end of next week..

2. MNRTF Phase II application

Vreeland reported that the application is in and we have received a receipt back. She did not print out copies of the application but had one with her if anyone wanted to look it over. She did say the application was similar to last year's. We do not have as many letters of support as before but still some good ones. In Phase II we have the acquisition of three parcels; Sarris, Sun and Surf and Mountain Jack's. It is a total of approximately 2.11 acres of land with approximately 768' of frontage on East Grand Traverse Bay.

3. Fundraising update

Olds provided a handout of the [Shoreline Preservation Initiative Fund Development Summary](#). Olds reviewed the information.

4. Summer cultivation events

Brink reported that there was a very successful cultivation event on August 4th at the Jim and Kristin Olshove-Steckley residence. He said the feedback has been very good and positive. There was about 40 people in attendance.

The next event is planned on September 16th at Paul and Amanda Brink's home with another being planned for October at the Garveys home.

Brink commented briefly about a conversation with Steckley at the cultivation event on August 4th. Steckley presented a new idea of possible fundraising. After further review there will be more information available.

5. Marina advisory update

Aukerman reviewed some of the material that was presented to the Planning Commission on July 27th and the Board meeting on August 11th. Questions were raised during the Planning Commission meeting and Aukerman was able to do some more homework prior to the Board meeting.

The feasibility study cannot be done until next Summer. The deadline for the DNR grant funding is April 1, 2010. Aukerman's discussion with them indicates that the township could receive anywhere from 50% to 95% funding for such a study. She said working closely with DNR officials with whom she has already built a relationship would be key. The appropriate next step would be to prepare an RFP/Q. The estimated cost of a study is \$40,000.00; actual bids could come out higher or lower.

6. Discussion regarding options for demolition/preservation of existing structures

Vreeland discussed the Knollwood. There are three interested parties in the building. Michael Srdjak, a local resident, has expressed an interest in relocating the building down closer to the MDOT park, where he currently resides.

The township Heritage Advisory committee would like to use the building as a historical center.

D. Public Comment/Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 5:40p.m.