



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 20, 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. Salathiel, P Brink (Co-Chairs) C. Abernethy, K. Guy,
D. Krause, K. Magliochetti
Members absent: B. Garvey, F. Gingras, N. Knopf, J. Maitland, O. Sherberneau
Staff present: S. Vreeland, Township Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Salathiel welcomed Fred and Julia Dreves of 5271 US 31 North to our meeting today.

A. Consider approval of May 28 and June 11, 2008, meeting minutes:

**MOTION BY GUY TO APPROVE THE MAY 28 AND JUNE 11, 2008,
MINUTES WITH ONE CORRECTION TO THE MAY 28TH MINUTES.
SECONDED BY ABERNETHY. MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Limited Public Comment: None

C. New Business

1. Review 2008-2009 Budget

Vreeland reviewed her memo on the Budget. She said the budget reflects a fund balance forward consisting of some modest private donations plus a proposed contribution of \$10,000.00 from the general fund from the current fiscal year for additional appraisals and fundraising expenses.

Vreeland noted that the original appraisal bid for four additional property owners of \$7500 has changed to \$8300.

Vreeland said an amendment can be made anytime in the fiscal year if need be.

D. Old Business

1. Fundraising update

Vreeland reported that 159 applications for the DNR Trust Fund had been received. We received a score of 255 out of a possible 300. Vreeland highlighted the areas we can make improvements to. We have until October 1st to supplement our application with additional information. We are planning on having a brainstorming session to do this. Jim Schiffer, Fleis & Vandenbrink, our township engineer, has volunteer to assist in this endeavor. Guy commented on the Carls Foundation. Their grant cycle is already over but we are looking for a pledge/written commitment. Guy also made contact with Marsha Smith of the Rotary Charities.

The deadline for this grant is September 1st. Smith would encourage the township to be willing to match what is being requested. Vreeland will bring to the Board's attention.

MDOT enhancement grant was discussed. There is a issue with not all of the property being acquired at one time. MDOT was not very pedestrian friendly prior to the Granholm administration. Granholm has encouraged more walkable communities.

2. Cultivation Events

The first cultivation event will be held Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at Kathy Magliochetti's home from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Meagan from the Conservancy will be making up posters showing the Shoreline project. Guests will also receive a facts sheet about the project.

In McDonough's absence Vreeland gave a status report on the three property owners currently being worked with regarding options. Knollwood has signed the option agreement. There has been no contact for two months with Willow Beach. The option agreement went to Knopf's lawyer and a modification was made and returned to the Conservancy. Changes were not acceptable. McDonough will contact Knopf in early September. Vreeland also said that appraisals had been done on Beach Club as well as vacant property belonging to George Sarris. Both appraisals came in lower then asking prices. Property owners were not pleased with this. Sarris will pay for two more appraisals at his expense and then make a decision in the near future.

Salathiel asked the committee for input on the Shoreline marking packet "Facts Sheet". Vreeland made some changes recently. The committee liked the suggestions and comments. This fact sheet will be handed out at Cultivation events to the guests.

No date for the next meeting was set.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.