



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, December 10, 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 ,C. Abernethy, K. Guy (5:15), J. Maitland, O. Sherberneau, S. Vreeland, Township Manager

Members absent: B. Garvey, F. Gingras, N. Knopf, D. Krause, K. Magliochetti

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

A. Consider approval of September 10, 2008, meeting minutes:

MOTION BY MAITLAND TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 20, 2008, MINUTES WITH TWO CORRECTION. SECONDED BY SHER BERNEAU. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Limited Public Comment:

McDonough said to “think year end donations and think the Grand Traverse Regional Conservancy.”

C. Old Business

1. Landowner relations update

McDonough reported that we now have Coes and Knopf under options in Phase I. McDonough had a conversation with Fred VanZandt recently. VanZandt is still very interested but still has some concerns with being able to remain living in his home for 10 years. McDonough referred to this as a “reserve lease”. He said an amendment can be done to the Trust fund which does happened often in grants like this.

McDonough recently met with Keith Charters, one of the owners of Mt Jack’s, to discuss options. Charters would like to have annual carrying costs. This would be for 2 ½ years. They are willing to do a one time yearly payment or quarterly. McDonough also reported a meeting on Friday, December 12 th, with the owner of Sun and Sand, Nader Saco and his Real Estate agent, Bob Shorter. Saco has expressed an interest in possibly selling to the township.

2. Fundraising update

Olds gave an update on funds available for Shoreline. McDonough said the two option payments are due the end of this year. Vreeland said we received another \$4000.00 from the Acme Civic Association at the last Board meeting. Olds also discussed the MDOT grant and the decision process.

Guy commented that there are still a lot of people who have not been contacted for donations. We need to tap in to these resources. In concert with the concervancy, Guy, will be working on a plan for fundraising.

Aukerman commented that perhaps we could make a challenge to the Acme Business Association to raising donations for the Shoreline. Kladder liked the idea but did not believe the timing was right.

3. Communications update

Brink commented that he was very pleased with the press release following the acquiring of the DNR Trust fund. Vreeland, Olds and Kladder had a conference call with Brian McGillivary, Record Eagle reporter following the DNR decision. The article appeared in the next days edition.

Salathiel said a letter in the Record Eagle from a former Acme Township resident, now living in Los Angeles, was very complimentary of our Shoreline project.

Aukerman suggested taking out an ad in the Record Eagle thanking the community for the support and encourage others to give.

Kladder said the township website is continually updated with new information.

4. Marina Advisory update

Aukerman reported that there have been three Marina advisory meetings. The advisory is in a “information gathering” mode. She said that surveys on the East Bay Harbor Marina were sent out with a 40% return. She reported that most responded in favor of a buy out situation at a fair prize. Aukerman commented that people were upbeat and excited about possible changes in the marina. Aukerman also reported that committee members interviewed 2-3 harbormasters in the surrounding five counties.

Aukerman believes the next step is to contact DNR officials for a talk with a unbiased entity. She has a conference call scheduled for December 15th with Paul Peterson and his boss to discuss ideas.

Vreeland commented on a email from one of the Bay Villa Condo association member expressing concerns about the Shoreline project. Vreeland asked for a invitation to attend their next meeting to address some of the questions and concerns.

Vreeland also told the advisory about the progress being made with the Tart Trails extending from Bunker Hill to Lautner Road.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.