



**ACME TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Members present: O. Sherberneau (Chair), S.Feringa, M. Guy, M. Timmins, H. Yamaguchi
Members excused: None
Staff present: W. Kladder, Township Supervisor
T. Henkel, Parks & Maintenance Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

A. Limited Public Comment:

Virginia Tegel, 4810 Bartlett Road, thanked Henkel for the upkeep on the new Shoreline Park. She was very pleased to have the park open 24 hours a day. She said she attended "Connected Communities: Complete Streets" at the Traverse Area District Library in September. She learn more about how road conversions, and other approaches, can be used to help a community plan and construct a safer, more efficient and smoother transportation system. Tegel also mentioned the "Iceman Cometh Challenge" on November 5th on the Vasa Pathway.

B. Received and File:

1. Notes from [11/18/11](#)

C. Consider approval of the [10-28-10](#) meeting minutes:

Motion by Guy. Support by Feringa to approve the minutes of 10-28-10 meeting as presented. Motion carried four to one

C. Correspondence: None

D. New Business:

1. Election of officers for 2011-12

Kladder reminded the advisory that two meetings a year are required and they are a advisory to the Board. They are to look at the park systems and make suggestions for improvement. Kladder mentioned that we currently have four grants to be completed and submitted.

Motion by Guy, supported by Timmins to appoint Feringa as vice-chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sherberneau, supported by Guy to appoint Yamaguchi as chair of the Parks & Rec Advisory. Motion carried 4 (four) in favor (Sherberneau, Guy, Feringa, Timmins and 1 (one) opposed (Yamaguchi)

2. Enforcement of park rules by County Sheriff

Kladder said that in 1998 Acme Township entered into an agreement with the Grand Traverse Sheriff to provide certain supplemental law enforcement protective services for the residents of Acme Township. Kladder said the junk and noise ordinances are what is mainly enforced. This contract has been renewed every year since then. This contract has called for a

yearly increase of 3%. We are currently paying \$74,161.00. Supervisors of the Townships with supplement officers met with the Sheriff to discuss the increasing cost and the contract in general. Over the coming year the township should evaluate what types of additional service it desires to purchase and begin to investigate future policing needs of the township. Several of the townships desire to work with the Sheriff to enforce other rules of the township. Currently the discussions have centered on park rules such as people in the park after hours.

3. Report on parks

Henkel provided [handouts](#) regarding status and thoughts on Bayside Park Development and Park Operations Report for the 2011 season.

Kladder told the advisory about the recent open house at the Knollwood on October 16th. Around fifty people did a walk through of the building. He also gave the advisory an update on the Phragmites.

E. Old Business:

1. Update on Tart Trail - Yamaguchi

Yamaguchi provided a [handout](#) of a draft proposed major trails for the Village of Grand Traverse. Yamaguchi was present at a meeting last week between TART and representatives of the VGT. The proposed trail alignment would have a trail spur along the southern VGT property boundary from Lautner Road westward . TART is also proposing a trail spur that would run roughly north-south and connect to the roundabout at the center of key internal boulevards, therefore also connecting to the internal sidewalk network. TART is also proposing that sidewalks be developed along Lautner Road and M-72. TART continues work on how to connect from the southern boundary of the VGT property through other neighboring properties to the current trailhead on Bunker Hill Road.

Public Comment/Any Other Business:

Kladder commented that the Acme Sweetwater Evening Garden Club will be planting 400 tulip bulbs near the intersection of M72 and US 31.

Virginia Tegel commented again that she would like to see baby swings at Bayside or the new Shoreline Park.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the township.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.