



**ACME TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
Acme Township Hall  
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

**Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members present:** M. Timmins (Chair), J. Challender, S. Feringa, M. Guy,

**Members Excused:** M. Goss, N. Kaetchen, J. Kerns

**Staff present:** T. Henkel, Parks Supervisor  
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

**Limited Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Meeting Minutes of 04-24-14**

Timmins stated that the motion regarding Henkel's pay increase was not an unanimous vote as reflected in the minutes. She opposed the motion.

**Motion by Timmins, Support by Kaetchen to approve the meeting minutes of 04-24-14 with a correction to the motion made regarding Henkel's reinstatement of previous wages. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**Business:**

**1. Tom's report**

Henkel's Buildings, Grounds & Parks Update that was in the 5/13/14 Board packet was provided to the Advisory and reviewed.

**2. 2% Grant update**

Timmins and Feringa recently met and came up with two affordable conspicuous projects that will demonstrate the Townships commitment to improving the new park properties and help users of the park enjoy the space more.

One was parking lot improvements including resurfacing of the existing lot, with the addition of about 30 extra spaces and the turn around. The second was to start the new trail system within North Bayside park. The advisory will be looking for support from the 2% Grant. Upon further review Timmins and Feringa decided on only doing the parking lot improvements from the 2% Grant. The estimate for doing this came in around \$22,000.00.

**3. Water Trail update:**

Timmins referred to the last meeting when M. Olds from the Conservancy, presented a "draft for planning purposes" map for the Chain of Lakes and East Bay Water Trail. A planning grant was received for this. Olds ask each local unit of government with properties on this map to review the dots and remove the ones that will not be staying. Advisory members were assigned portions of the planning map and will then complete

the application for submission to the Conservancy by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Future Goals and Maintenance Plan**

Timmins would like to begin “brainstorming” regarding future goals and Henkel’s Maintenance plan. Timmins stated that in 2-3 years when park projects come to fruition we need to look into how we manage labor costs. Henkel will not be able to keep up, and working within a budget, the advisory needs to look into other sources of labor. Discussion.

It was also discussed creating some more walking trails in the Yuba Natural Area and again addressing the issues of autumn olive.

**Public comment/Other Business**

**Adjourn at 7:30 p.m.**