



**ACME TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, July 30, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
Acme Township Hall  
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

**Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance**

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

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

**Staff present:** T. Henkel, Parks Supervisor

**Limited Public Comment:** None

Julie Clark, from the TART Trails was present along with her team including Gene Smith-Hattie,

Chuck Stewart was present to represent Turtle Creek Casino and the GTB Tribe.

**New Business:**

**1. Bike Trails**

- Clark talked about signage, trail alignment, TART funding for trails, Grants, History of Acme to Elk Rapids trail effort, Would like “big picture” ideas from Acme, No easy alignment options or answer for ownership, Bunker Hill re-engineering not until 2016, Acme must get in at design stage to get trail in, Five Mile rd crossing re-alignment \$15K - \$30K, design completed
- Gene talked on signage, purpose, message > wayfinding, Identify amenities and destination not obvious to users, Overlook if not reach out so that’s why they are there.
- Marcie and Heiam talked about signs on 31 showing public where the Tart Trails are, Snowmobiles to VASA, way to Bertha Vos, No signage about non-motor, Some sponsorships on signs
- Discussion on Yuba, US-31, Brackett Rd, Acme Parks & Rec to look into signage for US-35 on bike route
- Feringa talked about US-31 on BIA Rd inventory, also part of M88 to Bellaire
- Next month wayfinding report
- Update map of US-31 route (TART) including today’s discussion.

**Motion by Guy, seconded by Challender to approve the meeting minutes of June 26, 2014, as presented. Motion carried by a vote of 6 (Timmins, Challender, Guy, Goss, Yamaguchi) in favor and 1 abstaining (Feringa)**

Guy had previously suggested that our Parks remain open 24 hours. Presently the gates are locked at sunset. Henkel referred to Acme’s Trepass Ordinance 87-2, which lists all our parks, cemeteries, boat ramps as being closed between the hours of 11:00 pm and 5:00 am.

Also in Acme Township's Parks Ordinance it is stated "No person may be in a park from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise. The township may open gates and facilities at times within its discretion. Discussion followed. Guy would like to see the gates not locked.

**Motion by Guy that we immediately begin not locking the Bayside Park until snowfalls. The restrooms will be locked. Seconded by Feringa. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Timmins will ask that the item be on the August Board meeting. She will attend the meeting.

**Public comment/Other Business:** None

**Adjourn at 9:00 p.m.**