



**ACME TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 28, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: M. Timmins (Chair), J. Challender, S. Feringa, J. Kerns, N. Kaetchen, H. Yamaguchi

Members Excused: M. Goss, M. Guy,

Staff present: T. Henkel, Parks Supervisor

Limited Public Comment:

B. Kelley, 4893 Ridge Crest, commented that bathrooms at Sayler Park are fantastic, beach groomer leaves tire tracks, aesthetically would be nice if we could reduce tire tracks. Henkel's response was that beach grooming is a work in progress, limited by permit.

Motion by Feringa, seconded by Timmins to approve the July 30, 2014, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Feringa, seconded by Challender, to support the resolution for signage additions to the Tart Trails. Motion carried unanimously.

Boat Launch Discussion:

How to find rest of needed monies? Discussion with Henkel, Challender and Jean Aukerman. Aukerman volunteers to call John I

Friday, Sept 5, fundraiser for boat launch \$30.00 per person at Bob Garvey's Barn

Other ideas – hit up ABA and Fall festivals

Autumn Olive:

Mark Guy's trail marking: Snowshoe trails, TART

Henkel: Concentrate on where largest ones are encroaching, not necessary to wipe out

How seriously does the committee want to be on autumn olive (AO)?

Have to do something in the fall/Best time after a frost

Pines will eventually shade autumn olive trees out

Henkel concerned about grinding up AO and scattering seeds everywhere

Some folks are already lined up to volunteer with AO stuff

Challender will deal with sheriff for work release labor

Feringa need to check on costs for sprayer, chemicals and go to Board with proposal

Feringa: LIAA may have current aerals

Kelley: Questions on replanting area that has AO. Henkel: white pine may be good replacement.

Motion by Feringa, to recommend to the Board to purchase chemicals for trail cleaning, then depending on available labor, clear more with protective equipment (gloves,glasses) not to exceed \$3.000.00. Seconded by Timmins. Motion carried unanimously.

Postpone park hours discussion until next meeting.

Election of Officers:

Chair: Timmins

Vice Chair: Feringa

Secretary: Goss

Motion to appoint the above people by Kaetchen, seconded by Challender. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on recruiting additional folks for Parks & Rec.

Discussion on equipment to chop up trees. Acme Township resident, Ken Engle, may have equipment we could use. Henkel commented that solution may be worse than problem.

Public comment/Other Business: None

Adjourn at 7:13 p.m.