



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY
Friday, April 25, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:05 p.m.

Members present: K. Guy, F. Gingras, C. Abernethy, P. Brink, J. Aukerman, J. Maitland, P. Salathiel, J. Watts
Members excused: D. Krause
Staff present: J. Zollinger, Supervisor
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Public Comment: None

1. Approval of September 24, 2013, meeting minutes

Motion by Maitland, seconded by Gingras to approve the September 24, 2013, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

While we waited for Olds to arrive, Guy, stated that we had met our goal for Phase III. Guy said that the Conservancy is planning a celebration on June 14, 11-2 at the Bayside Park. All properties are purchased that we had set our hands to. Now the next step would be to turn our parks into usable and enjoyable park spaces that we all can enjoy and honor our commitments to our donors. Guy also said that a DNR Trust Fund application was submitted for \$300,000.00 for park improvements to the south end of the park. An additional \$100,000.00 will be locally matched, \$50,000.00 will come from the township and the other from funds raised in Phase III for short term park improvements.

Zollinger stated that he had spoken with MDOT regarding the curbcuts along the south end of the parks. In the Summer of 2015 MDOT will be resurfacing that stretch of highway and would remove the curbcuts that are no longer needed at no cost to the Township.

2. Phase III Fundraising Report – Olds

Olds stated the land acquisition phase of Bayside is complete, although additional acquisitions may be possible in the future, pending landowner willingness and fundraising feasibility. Olds said that a thank you to all donors celebration will be held, Saturday, June 14, 2014, at Bayside Park from 11-2. Invitations will be going out to all donors, Shoreline and Parks & Rec advisory and Board members. Olds noted the beach chairs out in front of the Sleep Inn Motel. Olds stated that work continues on the endowment plan. They are currently working on sample language.

3. Park Improvements Report– Marcie Timmins

Timmins said the Parks and recreation committee recently updated the community's parks and recreation master plan. The township board approved a new site plan for the park that includes detailed design ideas for the development of new parking areas, walking paths, beach areas, rain gardens, a playground, restrooms, and a canoe and kayak launch.

C. Abernethy, will do a survey of the beach and into the water looking for rocks, tree limbs anything that could be dangerous.

J. Aukerman will be writing a 2% tribal grant for the June cycle for the Sayler Park Boat launch. Aukerman will seek direction and advise from Steve Feringa from the Parks & Rec Advisory.

4. Hoxsie House Update – Zollinger

J. Zollinger, stated the Hoxsie House team has worked hard to raise funds and finding the project much bigger than anticipated. June 1st is the target date to move the house. There have been discussions with DNR as to the options available but no decisions have been made. Weather has been an issue and still not determined that the house can be moved by the target date. Zollinger stated that we have a commitment to the DNR for now and future opportunities. The Board will continue to address the issues at the next meeting, May 13th.

Discussion followed.

The advisory strongly expressed the Board's need to honor our commitments to the DNR for past and future endeavors.

Guy stated that the Shoreline advisory have met the obligations of Phase I, II and III that were set. At this time we are not going into a Phase 4 Guy and Gingras are suggesting a "hibernation mode". Guy said we are not disbanding the Advisory and will continue to help Parks & Rec advisory with park implementations.

Guy referenced the article about Acme Township's Shoreline project in the "Landscript" a Spring 2014 publication of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. Our donors can see where we have been and are now headed.

Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.