



**ACME TOWNSHIP
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday November 7, 2008, 9:30 a.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to Order at 9:40 a.m.

Members present: B. Whiting (Chair), D. Dunville, D. Galligan, E. Huver-Kuncaitis,
Members excused: C. Wacker
Staff present: W. Kladder, Supervisor
S. Vreeland, Township Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

1. **Approval of June 20, 2008, meeting minutes**

MOTION BY HUVER-KUNCAITIS. SECONDED BY DUNVILLE TO APPROVE THE JUNE 20, 2008, ADVISORY MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. **Limited Public Comment**

3. **Old Business:**

1. **Storage of items from Bertha Vos**

Dunville reported that The Music House will not be able to display or store the Bertha Vos memorabilia. Currently it is being stored at the Kwikkee Kwiver Manufacturing Company in Acme Township. We are able to use their facilities until June 2009. Kladder stressed that it is important to make a plan with goals. He cited the Shoreline Advisory and the three plus years that they have been working on their vision. Kladder knows that there are people who are interested in giving items and oral histories. The question is when will we be ready.

2. **Grant Money**

Vreeland handed out copies of the recent Tribal grant cycle application. She commented that we did not get any funding from the Tribal grant cycle that ended on 6/30/08. We had requested \$1500.00. Vreeland said that with the recent donation of \$2000.00 to the advisory in the next grant cycle we could ask for more. That cycle will be due on 12/30/08. Vreeland handed out copies of the 2008 proposed budget for Heritage Advisory and Bertha Vos project. First year projected project costs were \$2000.00.

Huver-Kuncaitis said that the Grand Traverse Resort was once a partner with Bertha Vos school. Perhaps this information could be mentioned in the next grant application. The advisory brainstormed about items we could purchase, computer, video editing software, memory stick. It would be a goal to do Audio-visuals to be used when we do have a place to display the memorabilia from Bertha Vos. Huver-Kuncaitis said there are members of the Acme Township community that have a lot of history that they could tell. We could create oral histories with the help of Galligan. Some names mentioned were Gene Lewis, Karen Kane, Donna Sayler, Dick and Sally Beyer. The advisory also talked about having a program on Up North 2 TV.

4. New Business:

1. Preservation of artifacts/Traverse Area Historical Society

Whiting met earlier this summer with Peg from the Traverse Area Historical Society regarding storage of the items from Bertha Vos. She was given a lot of valuable information regarding having a written list, video list, and a catalog of the items. Peg told her that one could use less expensive shelving and perhaps more on the actual storage bins. Peg said that in handling the items to use non latex gloves. Also Peg suggested utilizing the township scanning system. Peg said she would always be available for any questions or concerns that would arise. Whiting reported that the time spent with Peg was most valuable.

2. Generous local donation

Huver-Kuncaitis told the advisory that a \$2000.00 donation from the Acme Civic Association has been given. It was discussed that this check could be presented at the December Board meeting.

3. New Ideas/Questions/Concerns

Kladder said in a recent meeting with Paul Soma, Director of Finance at TCAPS that they are still interested in the Bertha Vos property. When asked if the skating rink will be there again this year, Kladder said there is a formal agreement for lease of the school property to have a public skating rink. Whiting commented that the skating house was still located on the property. Vreeland handed out copies of the lease agreement with TCAPS that was created in September of 1988.

Huver-Kuncaitis said that several years ago she was employed by the Robert C. Baird Investment firm. They had lists of community foundations that clients could give their money to. She wondered if perhaps this advisory could get their name on this list. She will look further into the matter.

Kladder mentioned that perhaps we could have a advisory meeting where Gene Lewis lives and look at his collection of memorabilia. Hoover will look into this.

4. Action Items:

1. Huver-Kuncaitis will contact John Hoover/Elk Rapids Schools re: Yuba School and Gene Lewis re: meeting at his home
2. Galligan/Huver-Kuncaitis will begin working on oral histories
3. Vreeland/Whiting will work on Newsletter
4. Dunville/Galligan/Whiting will work on Inventory

Adjourn 11:00 am