



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 13, 2007, 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:35 p.m.

Members present: P. Brink (Co-Chairs) C. Abernethy, L. Brohl, B. Garvey, K. Guy, N. Knopf, O. Sherberneau

Members excused: F. Gingras, D. Krause, J. Maitland

Staff present: S. Corpe, Township Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

A. Correspondence: None

B. Consider approval of the April 25, 2007, meeting minutes:

MOTION BY SHERBERNEAU. SECONDED BY BROHL TO APPROVE THE APRIL 25, 2007, MINUTES WITH TWO CORRECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Limited Public Comment: None

D. Old Business

1. Discuss follow up letter to land owners from initial contact a few months ago

Brink reported that Salathiel and Kurtz met with most landowners in late February. He asked the committee if a follow up letter to the landowners with information about the \$5000.00 Rotary Grant, and the possible Federal Appropriations grant applied for via Senator Levin's grant office. Knopf and Sherberneau agreed it would be good for public relations and certainly would not hurt the cause. Brink thought that the letter could be signed by Kurtz and Salathiel. Brohl will draft a letter.

2. Fundraising

Preparations for tentatively scheduled meeting with Senator Levin on July 14, 2007

Salathiel, Guy and Kurtz met with Harold Chase, local representative for Senator Levin's office. Levin will be in the area for the Cherry Festival the week of July 9-14th. It was the plan of this committee to try and meet with the Senator while in town.

Chase was very encouraging about the possibility of a meeting. Chase thought there might be a window of opportunity after the grand royal parade on Saturday, July 14th for 30 to 45 minutes for a meeting with Levin. Brink suggested Kurtz, Corpe, Guy and perhaps two citizens from the community familiar with the Senator could meet in a conference room at Holiday Inn. Salathiel, Brink and Brohl have started work on a slide show with narration that could be presented. It was agreed that Brohl and Abernethy would work with Corpe to finalize the presentation. Guy will not be in town on the 14th.

Possible meetings with Senator Stabenow and Congressman Camp.

Also in town for the parade will be Senator Stabenow and Representative Camp. Brink reported that trying to set up meetings with these two would depend on rather or not the Levin meeting takes place. Priority was given to a meeting with Senator Levin since it goes through his office that a grant application is being processed. One suggestion that was made was to invite a staff person from both of these offices to make a visit to the township for an informal meeting with township staff and a representative from the Advisory committee. Perhaps the slide presentation could be shown. Garvey is familiar with Senator Stabenow, and offered to see if a meeting would work out.

Guy suggested a three dimensional slide show with a heroic vision that answers the following questions, What to achieve? why here? why now? what will it cost? and why urgent?

DNR grant application

Corpe reported on two competing applications in the township for a DNR grant. One being the cheese factory on the Shaw property. McDonough from the Grand Traverse Regional Conservancy is actively supporting a \$99,000 grant for the acquisition of five acres. In recent grant cycles \$100,000.00 requests have slipped right thru. The Conservancy normally focuses on rustic areas. They like the character of the Shaw project. Shoreline property would not be highest on their list. Corpe commented that funding is available twice a year in April and August. Corpe reported substantial moratorium on State grants.

Other grant possibilities

Corpe had contact a with Dave Langhorst from MDOT who commented that they were still available to work with the township. He talked about Scenic Enhancement with grants up to a half a million. Langhorst asked if the township was still interested in the MDOT roadside park across from Bayview.

Discussion turned to this committee's next steps. Guy said we have the plan, we need the appraisals and we need to get the master plan work completed. Brink talked about possible future meetings with Keith Charters and also MDOT. Brink suggested a meeting of township Finance subcommittee to look into other grant possibilities.

3. Master Planning process update

Clark has been engaged to work on the updating of the Master plan. Corpe reviewed Clark's proposal. Corpe thought that Task 3 and 4 may be out of order. Task 3 was the conceptual master plan and Task 4 was the public review process. There was much discussion about doing surveys and getting the public input.

4. Communications

Review draft press release

Brink passed around a draft copy of the press release. There were no changes made. He will step in to review this with the township board.

Review draft fundraising brochure

Brink also passed around the draft of the fundraising brochure. Guy had a few suggestions. Garvey, Sherberneau and Abernethy had no opinions. Because of the lateness of the hour further discussion will be held at the next meeting in July.

The next meeting is scheduled for, Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 4:30 p.m.

F. Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

