



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY MINUTES
Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:34 p.m.

Members present: F. Gingras (Co-chair) C. Abernethy, J. Aukerman, P. Brink (joined by phone) D. Krause, P. Salathiel J. Watts (4:45 pm)
Members excused: C. Fry, K. Guy, J. Maitland, O. Sherbereneau
Staff present: S. Vreeland, Township Manager
P. Kilkenny, Zoning Administrator/Planner
M. McDonough, GTRLC
M. Olds, GTRLC
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

1. [Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2011 meeting:](#)

Motion by Salathiel. Seconded by Abernethy to approve the October 26, 2011, meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Limited Public Comment:** None

3. **Business**

1. **Land Acquisition Update**

McDonough reported that the Mt. Jack's property closed on December 30th. The Sarris property will close on February 10th.

There are still issues with the appraisals for Sun and Surf.

McDonough met with Dr. Reabe of the East Bay Animal Hospital on US 31 North regarding selling his property. He is not interested.

McDonough said when the Board took a tour of the Marina and Sarris properties last Fall, Trustee, Hardin asked about a trail easement between the two properties. McDonough is happy to report that this will happen.

2. **Fundraising Update – Megan Olds**

Olds provided a "[handout](#)" for Phase 3 of the Acme Shoreline. It was a draft budget and estimated gift table. Olds reviewed the handout with the advisory.

Aukerman asked about the 2012 changes in Tax laws regarding contributions. She asked what the ramifications would be to the Conservancy. Olds commented that they were not tax advisors and encouraged contributors to ask their own tax advisor.

Olds said the Conservancy remains optimistic about future giving.

3. [Acme Township Placemaking and Related Grant projects](#)

Appropriate and Compatible Role of the Shoreline Advisory and/or Selected Members

Gingras wondered if we were limiting ourselves in the placemaking/planning process to only include the sub-area of that township that lies south of the US 31/M-72 intersection, north of the US 31/Five Mile road intersection, and includes both the west and east sides of US 31 North. Gingras felt that if we were to reroute US 31 we would want to include the East side. Vreeland said the funding was very specific and

could not include any properties going East. He was concerned about planning where the Shoreline stops.

Gingras felt it was important that the Shoreline, Parks & Rec advisories and Planning Commission were all headed in the same direction in the placemaking/ planning process. He would like a joint meeting of the three groups and would entertain a motion to that effect.

MOTION BY SALATHIEL SECONDED BY ABERNETHY TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES A JOINT MEETING OF THE SHORELINE, PARKS & REC ADVISORIES AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE PLACEMAKING/PLANNING PROCESS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gingras made reference to Vreeland's memo recommending one member of the Shoreline, Parks & Rec advisories and Planning Commission to take part in selection/interviewing process for the Shoreline District Park Planning & Placemaking RFP/Q. If anyone would like to seek appointment please let the Board know. Gingras commented that Guy would be interested. Krause also was but as he goes away for several months in the winter he would not be a good choice. Guy will ask to be considered.

4. Deconstruction for Phase 2 Update

Olds commented on receiving a email from Kladder granting permission to proceed with the demolition of Sun/Sand. Vreeland raised some concerns regarding the email from Kladder. Olds will talk with Kladder.

McDonough said that the Conservancy had received three bids on the demolition with one coming in lower. He said this demolition includes four other permits that will be needed.

5. Knollwood House Update

Vreeland reported at the December Board meeting that the Acme Heritage Society or any other interested group has been given the charge to put together a thorough report of the conditions of the Hoxsie House, costs for immediately-needed repairs and potential uses for the February 7th Board meeting. Aukerman asked about the business plan. Vreeland commented that it was presented in the first motion to create a business plan but the motion was amended to not include this.

Gingras asked if research had been done on moving the house. Vreeland does not believe it has. There is the issue of the house losing historical value if it is moved.

6. Park Advisory Committee Update

Gingras said that Bob Garvey is stepping down from the Shoreline Advisory. He'll continue to champion the Shoreline cause in word and in deed. We will miss his thoughtful contributions to the committee. Edwardson said she had received an email from Magliochetti stating that she was no longer on the Board. Other committee members were surprised by the email. Gingras asked who does the appointing of advisory members. Vreeland said the Board of Trustees appoint. Vreeland said that the Shoreline advisory exceeds the guidelines for how many members on a committee.

7. Mt Jack's Update – Vreeland

Kladder and Henkel took a tour of Mt. Jack's recently. The Harbormaster, Bill Purvis, encouraged the demolition after the boating season next summer, as materials could fly around and hit the boats.

Vreeland said the Marina will continue to use the Mt. Jack's building. Construction will begin in April for the new marina building.

Vreeland commented that three people have been appointed to the Harbor Board Advisory but one of them is away for the winter and will not be back until April.

Aukerman said that this would change applying for a \$30,000 grant through the Waterway Fund by April 1st.

8. Communication – Key Messages

The advisory is very pleased that the parks are open year around. Also the committee would like to emphasise "To tear down the buildings" to show progress.

Adjourned at 5:30p.m.