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**ACME TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WATERFRONT RECREATION FACILITY TASK FORCE
ACME TOWNSHIP HALL
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690
1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2004**

Meeting called to order at 1:45 p.m.

Members present: R. Reinhold (Chair), V. Guntzviller, J. Hagen, O. Sherberneau
Members excused: D. Amon, A. Brasie, S. Ferringa, B. Jabour, J. Nelson
Staff present: S. Corpe, Recording Secretary
J. Wade, Gourdie Fraser Associates - Consultant

1. **Review minutes from meeting of May 12, 2004:** Reinhold noted several typographic errors. On page 1, "a meeting of the committee at this time" should say "at meetings of the committee at this time." On page 2, second sentence from the bottom the reference stating Brian Springstead represents Trout Unlimited" should be amended to say he represents the Grand Traverse Area Sport Fishing Association. In agenda item 4, 4th line down beginning with ". . . direction taken to date seem..." the word should be "seems." On the last page in item 5 the entire last sentence should be deleted.

Motion by Sherberneau, support by Guntzviller to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Develop script for public hearing --- to include:**
 - a. **Opening remarks:** Reinhold recommended beginning with a condensed history of the project to date. It's important to explain how the need for a better boat launch was identified. In March 2003 the Township Board had been contemplating an ordinance regarding new regulations for road ends that generated significant general concern, as demonstrated by the number of people who attended the meeting. Most of the people with concerns about regulations such as those that might limit hours were sportsmen. The road-end ordinance was never adopted, but it led to discussion about the state the three key bayfront road ends are in and expression of a general desire to find a long-term solution. This subcommittee was formed for that purpose. Hagen noted another element involved; that the DNR boat access management individual was invited to come here and discuss the state's interests in supporting township efforts to enhance bay access. He also feels it's important to add a reference to the fact that the current township Parks & Rec. plan made a statement about current launch conditions and people attending a visioning session related to the plan adoption process gave high priority to additional waterfront usage facilities.

Reinhold recommended showing the public the whole long list of possibilities the subcommittee first considered. He feels it would lend credibility to the work that has been done to narrow down the options to a manageable and appropriate few. Answering as many questions as possible up front is generally a good idea. One question to answer up front in particular: why has the township only looked at five particular road-end sites? (Answer: because ready access is already available there.)

Reinhold recently discussed the Eat Bay Marina situation with Art Hughes. Based on Mr. Hughes' comments, it would cost millions of dollars to acquire

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all of the various interests. Reinhold is also concerned because that marina is located on a curve in US 31 where is already somewhat perilous to enter and exit the road.

Reinhold also recommends bringing up some of the negative feedback that has been received regarding some of the potential sites and plans from State agencies, and some zoning interpretation questions that need to be addressed. It would also be good to discuss the grant funds received and how they have been and are being spent, as well as possibilities for future grant funding, mechanisms by which grant funds would be appropriated, and local matching fund requirements. Hagen recommended a brief mention of potential cooperation with the Tribe.

Wade would then be introduced to discuss site selection criteria and to display the concept plans.

Reinhold wondered if it would be a good idea to address the question of possible user fees. Hagen recommended that this question be deferred until it is asked.

- b. Develop questionnaire card and other graphic materials for attendees:**
- c. Presentation of materials from Gourdie Fraser:** Wade gave a quick run-through of the PowerPoint materials he has prepared to date. Reinhold mentioned that as part of the presentation it might be nice to have a friend of Guntzviller's who uses a wheelchair come to the meeting to help demonstrate that making any facility fully accessible would be not only a good thing to do but can help when it comes to successfully obtaining a grant. When it comes to amenities, and attendant leaps in size, Hagen feels it's important to realize that people will be concerned that sight of the original goal not be lost – to enhance opportunities to access the bay.
- d. Closing requests & remarks:** Reinhold mentioned that he is working on an article for the *Record Eagle*.

3. New business: None

4. Public input: None

5. Set date for next meeting: June 9, 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.