



ACME TOWNSHIP
YUBA CREEK NATURAL AREA STEERING COMMITTEE
Tuesday February 21, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 7:10 p.m.

Members present: Dan Morrison (Chair), Bob Carstens, Voss Guntzviller, Jason Hullman, Ron Reinhold
Members excused: John Heiam, Stan Malaski
Staff present: S. Corpe, Township Manager/Recording Secretary
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary
T. Henkel, Parks & Maintenance Supervisor

Morrison pointed to errors in the July 26, 2005, meeting minutes. On page 2, 2nd paragraph, 4th sentence, strike Autumn olive project. Also in the 3rd paragraph, 1st sentence, strike out “the” and in the 3rd sentence same paragraph strike “and” replace with “as”.

Motion by Morrison. Seconded by Guntzviller to approve July 26, 2005, meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion turned to US 31 North Parking Area. Carstens was to talk to Gary Niemi, MDOT Engineer in January but as of today has not been able to. He will make contact soon. We discussed the parking area. Reinhold asked if the poles were to large. Henkel said they are just temporary. Morrison asked about the construction permit. Corpe responded that the paperwork was at the township. We just need to make contact with Gary Niemi regarding the engineering budget.

Morrison asked Guntzviller to report on the Plaque. He had received a bid for a 40x28 plaque at \$3430.00 plus shipping. Henkel built \$1500.00 into the Parks & Maintenance budget for this project. We discussed having it half that size. The Conservancy requires all donors names on the plaque. It will not work if the plaque is smaller. Morrison found a boulder but not big enough. Nels Veliquette has several boulders but just not sure how to relocate them. We tabled the plaque until after the March Board meeting. We will look into other sources of funding for the plaque.

Morrison discussed the potential early summer celebration/dedication of YCNA with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. Perhaps with the projected road construction this Summer it would be better to have a Fall dedication. Guntzviller will contact the Conservancy regarding this.

Morrison asked Henkel about mowing in YCNA. Henkel mows the meadowland every three years. We will continue mowing as we have until changes need to be made.

Reinhold expressed concern about Henkel’s cost to mow. He had heard rumors that the Township Treasurer was looking for ways to cut expenses in this area. Reinhold is very pleased with Henkel. Henkel is a hard worker and always does a good job. He would not like to see Henkel unable to perform the work.

Morrison said the autumn olive removal may continue in May on the southside of the Shaw farmhouse.

Before and after photos on the stream restoration were passed around. There is still more work to be done. Morrison will look into having another Scout troop come in and continue the work.

Carstens reported that the Eagle's nest is gone. Morrison thought they are adding to white pine nest. Carstens will check this out later.

Information for space available on kiosks. Some sides are empty. Morrison thought a history of the area would be nice. Carstens will put up information about birds he has spotted in the area. Reinhold will put up posters on the different wildflowers in the area.

Township Supervisor, Kurtz, thanked the group for their work. They are the only Steering Committee. We now have Citizen Advisories.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.