



**ACME TOWNSHIP
YUBA CREEK NATURAL AREA STEERING COMMITTEE
Friday, May 12, 2006, 9:00 a.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to Order at 9:05 a.m.

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

Morrison called the meeting to order with roll call.

MOTION BY REINHOLD. SECONDED BY GUNTZVILLER TO APPROVE MARCH 21, 2006, MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Morrison reported that the boulder was in place. One can see the boulder clearly from the road. Thanks to Nels Veliquette for getting it up there.

Morrison commented that the Conservancy had contacted him to see how everything was doing. They are planning on a Fall celebration/dedication.

Guntzviller is still searching the internet for businesses to do the plaque. He suggested that we contact the Conservancy to see what businesses they work with.

Morrison reported that between 300-400 seedlings were planted this Spring. The Conservation donated another 300.

One half of the autumn olive on the south side of the Natural area has been removed. Morrison reported that it was a on going project; and that at any time one could work on it.

Morrison said that the Road Commission toke the beaver damn out. The beavers have moved on.

Carstens suggested that Certificates of Appreciation be given to each Boy Scout who participated in the stream restoration project. He will contacted the Scout master to get a list of the boys names.

Morrison reported that there would be no more improvements to the entrance of YCNA. A new culvert was put in. Elmer's would put some gravel down if we wanted it.

Veliquette reported that they had a "clean fill project" on going behind the Hermitage; which was resulting in a lot of fill dirt. He asked the committee if they would like to use it to fill the pits in the YCNA. Because of Veliquette's relationship with SRW Contracting there would be no cost to do this. The committee welcomed the opportunity to have this done. Reinhold asked what the time frame would be. Veliquette felt it could be done by Fall. Veliquette asked if the committee wanted the berm saved and also he wasn't sure about a soil erosion permit. Corpe made a call to the Drain Commission and got the information needed to get a permit. The committee wanted the berm saved.

Reinhold raised questions about oil and gas and mineral rights. He expressed concerns about this committee becoming involved in that. Corpe reported that Acme Township has gotten wind on Activities but have not been approached about it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.