



**ACME TOWNSHIP**  
**YUBA CREEK NATURAL AREA STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, September 20, 2010 7:00 p.m.**  
**Acme Township Hall**  
**6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

**Meeting called to Order at 7:05 p.m.**

**Members present:** D. Morrison (Chair), B. Carstens, J. Heiam, S. Malaski,  
**Members excused:** V. Guntzviller, R. Reinhold  
**Staff present:** W. Kladder, Township Supervisor  
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

**Motion by Malaski. Seconded by Carstens to approve [April 19, 2010](#) meeting minutes.**  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

Angie Lucas, a Preserve Steward from the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy was in attendance. She provided a booklet of Invasive Plants of Leelanau, Grand Traverse and Benzie Counties. Reinhold also had a list of invasive species currently growing in Yuba Creek Natural Area (YCNA). Lucas is currently working at C.S. Mott Nature Preserve at the Arcadia Dunes area with the invasive plant, garlic mustard. Lucas was interested in how Acme Township was handling Autumn Olive.

Morrison commented that for the last two years we have aggressively treated Autumn Olive with herbicides. With a rainy summer this year the plants have really taken off, growing all over the place. Carstens will look into information from the Michigan State University Extension. Kladder talked with Steve Largent, from the Grand Traverse Conservation District, regarding the planting of trees in the Spring. He suggested a variety of different species.

Morrison talked about the trout stream. Several years ago a local Boy scout group worked on the stream. But the beavers have destroyed what has been done. Morrison said we need to contact the local DNR office to find out how to get rid of the beavers. Heiam will take on the responsibility of looking into this.

Morrison said there was a concern about people walking with dogs in the YCNA during the hunting season without the proper colored clothing on. We will ask Henkel to post some signs stating no dogs allowed and to wear proper clothing during the hunting season.

Henkel has offered to trim back the Autumn Olive growing closer to the highway to discourage the deer.

The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**