

**ACME TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS MEETING
ACME TOWNSHIP HALL
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690
November 18th, 2016 10:00 a.m.**

ROLL CALL:

Committee:	A	Feringa	X	Heffner	X	Heflin	X	Jenema
	A	LaPointe	X	Timmins	X	Wentzloff		
Advisory:		Heinert	X	Kushman				
Staff:	X	Winter						

A. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Timmins, 2nd. By Heflin With addition of Jim Heffner for TART trails under correspondence and adding Bunker Hill boat launch under old business #5.
Motion carries**

C. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

**D. CORRESPONDENCE: Jim Heffner for Tart Trails; Jim presented the plaque from TART that the township was awarded, accepted by Jim and Klaus, at the TART Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Amy will present the award to the Board at the December board meeting.
Jim also read an email from the GTRLC.**

E. ACTION:

1. Approve Parks & Trails Minutes 10/21/2016 Motion to approve by Heffner, 2nd. By Heflin.
Motion carries

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bayside Park Grant Update - Shawn went over the MDNR trust fund grant. 20 points were gained from the original score after Shawn and Klaus sent in the revisions. The township will have an answer in December as to whether or not the township receives the grant
2. 2% Grant Application – Trail Engineering - Discussed the best strategy to go after grants for the bike trail and which section of the trail we would start with.. Amy Jenema, Julie Clark and Shawn will be meeting on Nov. 28th. With a representative (Amy) from MDot, to go over which of Acmes projects would best fit in the TAP program. That meeting will determine the amount and scope of the project to be requested for board support of submittal of a Tribal 2% grant, due in December, to pay for engineering cost that the TAP grant does not cover. Options discussed are as follows;

Option A) Only the Acme connector trail, if we remain with Gosling and Czubak some of the engineering work has been done which will help keep cost down.

Option B) A trail from Gilroy Park all the way to North Bayside and from the train tracks on Bunkerhill down to the shoreline. If this option is chosen the board would be asked to support a 2% grant for all the engineering costs.

Option C) None of the projects qualify for TAP funding, committee would ask the board to

support a 2% grant for the full cost of the Acme connector trail area.

Motion: Heflin, 2nd Jenema

Motion to recommend to the board submittal of a 2% grant for 1 of 2 projects.

- 1) Engineering and construction of the Acme connector trail.
- 2) The engineering costs for the Acme Connector Trail and TC to Charlevoix trail.

Dependent on the outcome of Shawn and Julie's meeting with the TAP coordinator about how Acme projects may or may not fit within the requirements of a TAP grant.

Motion carries

3. Adopt-A-Bench Program- looked at Kalamazoo's program and how it was set up. All agreed with a little tweaking it could work for Acme. Looked at different bench styles, everyone is to mark their favorite 3 or 4 from the styles shown and give them back to Amy.
A letter explaining the program will go out in the February accessors letter.
4. Yuba Creek Natural Area Trails Shawn met with Steve Lagerquist about a trail through the yuba creek natural area. The committee went over the 2 different options, shown in blue and yellow. Heffner noted that in his experience the blue trail would be the better option because of vegetation and slope.
Jay Zollinger is speaking with the Valiquette family about acquiring an easement across their property, as the the trail would go over a portion of their land.
Discussed Americorp helping to build the trail. Felt the board should discuss budgeting funds for Americorp, from 2017 budget, to help cover cost of trail building and autumn olive removal. Timeline for work is around Sept. 2017.
Heffner brought up re-mowing the existing trail to better follow the contours of the land. Discussion followed.
5. **Bunkerhill Boat launch-** Brian Terhune came in with a plan for parking at Bunkerhill. The committee discussed how the plan didn't leave room for the trail. Acme Board needs to decide if the township will purchase Gilroy park or not, and to decide if the road end launch at Bunkerhill will be closed.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

H. PUBLIC COMMENT none

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn Timmins, 2nd by Heflin
Motion carries