



ACME TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS MEETING
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road Williamsburg, MI 49690
April 17, 2023 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Committee:

	Huffer		Jenema		LaPointe		DeVogel
	Schmitz		Morrison		Wielenga		
Advisory:	Kushman		Lamott				
Staff:	Wolf		Danca				

A. PUBLIC COMMENT:

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

C. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

D. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. None

E. ACTION:

1. Approve Draft Parks & Trails Minutes 3.20.2023

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Solar Lights
2. Life Jacket Library

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Parks & Recreation Plan – 5 year update/draft survey

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN:

DRAFT UNAPPROVED



**ACME TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS COMMITTEE
MEETING
6042 Acme Road
US 31 N Williamsburg, MI 49690
March 20, 2023 4:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present: Huffer, Jenema, LaPointe, Morrison, Schmitz, Wielenga

Committee Members excused: DeVogel

Advisory present: None

Staff present: L. Wolf, Planning & Zoning Administrator, S. Kopriva, Beckett & Raeder, R. Lamott, C. Danca

A. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Kelley, Acme resident

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by LaPointe supported by Schmitz to approve the Agenda as presented. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

C. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

D. CORRESPONDENCE: None

E. ACTION:

1. Approve *Draft Parks & Trails Minutes 11.22.2022*

Motion by LaPointe, supported by Jenema, to approve the *Draft Parks & Trails Minutes 11.22.2022* as presented. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Solar Lights

Discussion resumed from the previous meeting in November regarding different lighting options for Bayside and Sayler parks and the need to explore cost.

2. Life Jacket Library

A Bayside Park location has been identified and the project will be moving forward.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Parks & Recreation Plan – 5-year update

Wolf provided slide show presentation and overview. Kopriva will assist with the update as needed. Discussion of timeline, survey methods and public outreach. Wolf plans to have a draft survey ready for review at next month's meeting.

Brief SPARK grant application update and discussion.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Kelly, Acme resident

ADJOURN: Motion by Jenema, supported by LaPointe to adjourn. No discussion. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully,
Cristy Danca

Acme Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey

Park Usage:

1. How often do you use the following recreational facilities in Acme Township?

	At least once a week	A few times a month	Once a month	Several times a year	Once per year	Never- but have heard of this facility	Never - have not heard of this facility
Bayside Park							
Bunker Hill Boat Access							
Deepwater Point Natural Area							
Dock Road Water Access							
North American VASA Trail/Bartlett Park							
Maple Bay County Farm Park							
MDOT Gilroy Roadside Park							
Pere Marquette State Forest							
Petobego State Game Area							
Sayler Park							
Sayler Park Boat Launch							
Wintergreen Woods Conservancy							
Yuba Creek Natural Area							

2. Please describe the activities you do at the following recreational areas.

	Walking, hiking, jogging	Bicycling	Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking	Camping	Fishing	Use of playground equipment	Swimming	Paddle boarding	Bird Watching	Kite surfing	Skiing	None of these
Bayside Park												
Bunker Hill Boat Access												
Deepwater Point Natural Area												
Dock Road Water Access												
North American VASA Trail/Bartlett Park												
Maple Bay County Farm Park												
MDOT Gilroy Roadside Park												
Pere Marquette State Forest												
Petobego State Game Area												
Sayler Park												
Sayler Park Boat Launch												
Wintergreen Woods Conservancy												
Yuba Creek Natural Area												

Other activities (please specify):

3. Please select all recreational activities you enjoy doing in Acme Township.

Walking/jogging

Hiking

Bicycling

Boating

Bird Watching

Canoeing or Kayaking

Paddle boarding

Swimming

Fishing

Camping

Golfing

Kite Surfing

Downhill Skiing

Cross County Skiing

Snowshoeing

Snowmobiling

Horse Back Riding

ORV/ATV recreation

Other – please specify

4. Please rate the availability of recreation facilities and activities within the Township for the following age groups.

	Right amount	Not enough	Too many	No opinion
Under 5 years				
Elementary (5-12 years)				
Teen (13-18 years)				
Young Adult (19-29 years)				
Adult (30-64 years)				
Senior (65+ years)				

5. Please describe the methods of transportation you use to get to the following parks owned and maintained by the Township:

	Car	Public Transportation	Bicycle (trail)	Bicycle (road)	Walking or jogging (trail)	Walking or jogging (road)	Watercraft (non-motorized)	Watercraft (motorized)
Bayside Park								
Sayler Park								
Deepwater Point Natural Area								
Yuba Creek Natural Area								

6. Which park do you visit most frequently? (Please include parks not in Acme Township, if those are visited most frequently)

7. If the park you visit most frequently is outside of Acme Township, why do you prefer this park?

8. Please indicate which of the following recreation facilities and activities Acme Township should plan for and develop. Please choose your top five answers and rank your choices in order with 1 being the top choice.

	1	2	3	4	5
Art - installations/Art Fairs					
Ball fields					
Basketball Courts					
Canoe/Kayak Launches					
Community gardens					
Dog Park					
Frisbee Golf					
Indoor recreation facilities					
Non-motorized trails (i.e. TART trails)					
Outdoor movies-in-the-park					
Outdoor performance theaters/cultural events					
Pickle ball courts					
Playground Equipment					
Public boat launches					
Skateboard park					
Snowshoeing & Ski Trails					
Swimming beach					
Tennis Court					
Volleyball courts					
Walking/Nature trails					
Winter skating rink					

9. Please indicate what could be improved on within the following facilities owned and maintained by the Township.

	Safety & Lighting	Signage	Accessibility	Parking	Access from a variety of transportation modes	Aesthetics of natural surroundings	Upkeep and maintenance of grounds	Upkeep and maintenance of equipment
Bayside Park								
Bunker Hill Boat Access								
Sayler Park								
Deepwater Point Natural Area								
Yuba Creek Natural Area								

10. Would you support a small, dedicated millage levied specifically for maintenance and improvements to the Township’s recreational assets, including parks and trails?
Yes or No

11. Acme Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide greater access to Grand Traverse Bay?
Yes or No

12. Acme Township should continue additional land acquisitions to provide access to more land for parks?
Yes or No

Demographics:

13. Please describe your relationship with Acme Township (select all that apply):

- I recreate in Acme Township
- I am a full time Acme Township resident
- I am a full time resident – renter
- I am a seasonal resident
- I am a seasonal resident – renter
- I am a frequent township visitor

- I am a resident of a neighboring municipality
- I work in Acme Township
- I own a business in Acme Township
- I am a property owner in Acme Township
- None of the above

14. Which category below includes your age?

Under 18

19-29 years

30-39

40-49

50-59

60-69

70-79

80-89

Over 89 years

15. How many members of your household are under the age of 18?

16. How many members of your household are over the age of 65?

17. In what ZIP code is your primary (homesteaded) place of residence?

18. Feel free to share any additional comments regarding recreational facilities within Acme Township.