

ACME TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS COMMITTEE
APPROVED MINUTES

May 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Acme Township Parks & Trails Committee meeting of May 16, 2022 was called to order by Chairman Wielenga at 4:04 pm. The meeting was held in the Acme Township Hall Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

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

Committee Members excused: Timmins

Staff and Advisory present: Lamott, Elizabeth Calcutt, TART trails

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition by LaPointe of #4 Sayler and Bayside Parks under Old Business and New Business #1 Jacob Snover, Flag retirement box.

Motion by Lapointe, supported by Jenema to approve the agenda as presented. All Yeas. Motion carried.

C. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None stated.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Lockwood RE: Pickleball Ct. Lapointe noted that they are expensive and require a fair amount of maintenance and Jenema noted that they are already located in Elk Rapids, East Bay and Milton. The township did not want a lot of those amenities at Bayside Park.

E. ACTION

1. Approve **DRAFT** Minutes for the September 20, 2021 Parks & Trails meeting. **Motion by Wentzloff, supported by Jenema to approve the DRAFT Parks & Trails Minutes of September, 20, 2021 as presented. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bayside Playground Expansion

Playground expansion. Chairman recalled working on a plan and then seeking financing. Jenema agreed. Endowment could pay for a playground. Then the township could pay for the pad/footings etc. Amy and Ryan are trying to follow up on Poured In Place (PIP) failures at current play structure.

Wielenga suggested that Josh can do a rendering. He can dig up the last version of it to see where they are at with the plan.

LaPointe asked if there is a target budget. Discussion ensued, but the plan could not be easily located. Wielenga noted that we are trying to find out what we want and then scale it back from there. The last version did have prices, as her recalled.

Huffer asked if we could get a recommendation on what module to begin with as part of the expansion.

Wielenga noted that the current structure is 12 years + and thought there was discussion about the little kids having some options next.

2. Trails Update

Jenema- The ribbon cutting for the trail was at the end of April. This section was expensive, but between TART and the township the money and maintenance has been covered.

Elizabeth Calcutt, TART with Amy Herzog, TART have been part of the project and were there to provide an update. They have regularly been meeting with Lindsey Wolf at the township with project updates. The boardwalk is the next substantial part of the construction. Iron Bell (Now Michigan Trail Fund) brought in \$25,000 to meet the shortfall. Full completion of the Acme connector trail should be by fall. In 2019 there was preliminary design from Acme Township to Elk Rapids. Goal would be in 2024 to have that segment out to bid from Elk Rapids to Maple Bay.

Calcutt continued with the introduction of the Deepwater Point Connection. It would be a .25 mile trail that would connect a large neighborhood with the TART trail system. Spoke with MDOT about the possibility of something at the intersection of M72 and US31. Looking at the option of a pork chop, a small refuge island, to move people across US31 on the south side of the intersection. Furthermore where the township park comes out at the dirt part of Shores Beach Lane they would like to get that section paved to the intersection for an on-road trail. The trail would cross in front of the Resort's office and then go behind Osorio's Tacos. They would aim to keep the maple behind Osorio's Tacos. It would then travel across the back side of the resort property. There are some questions about zoning, but with utilizing the shared drive and parking area there may not be an issue with impervious surface. Shores Beach Lane is something that would need to be addressed. The Resort wants to maintain as much open space as possible on their land next to Osorio's Tacos. Project would be privately funded.

Lapointe asked if there is any money for maintenance of the boardwalk on the Acme Connector Trail. And is there insurance. Calcutt said they would have to look in to the insurance.

Calcutt said the next steps are to update materials for the Nakwema trail and work on the Shores Beach Lane situation.

3. Sayler Park Memorial Benches

Wielenga asked who has been working on that. Jenema noted that Nancy had called and gotten prices to Ryan LaMott. The Morrisons on Elk Lake Rd. could make the benches. Township board has approved the purchase of one for display.

Wielenga noted that LaMott will order a bench and place it, since we have people that want to buy them.

4. Bayside and Sayler Park Updates

Lapointe is asking if we have a target date for spring clean up to be complete. LaMott suggested that they would need to talk to Doug White, Supervisor, for anything regarding maintenance. Jenema noted that the township usually tried to have Bayside Park cleaned up, with the water on and bathrooms open by Memorial Day Weekend.

LaMott said that irrigation should be on the following week. The foot wash and bathroom were on. And the water fountain is on, but not working well after being turned off for two season.

LaPointe asked if the township should sell the beach groomer that it owns? LaMott noted that it has been sitting at the lower nature preserve. LaPointe suggested that the township either use it or sell it.

LaPointe questioned what was going on with the swamp/wet area in the middle of the park and asked if anyone was concerned about it? Jenema said they had talked about bringing in rocks and then a border of wood chips, because so many plants died the township has hoped they would get reestablished.

Lapointe asked if there is always flow could a mat with a stand pipe be installed so that there would always be a certain amount of water standing there. The township has spent a lot of money on the park land and that spot is an eyesore. LaPointe recommends getting someone who can deal with that spot and get a quote on what it would cost to do something with that area.

LaPointe noted that winter was kind to Saylor Park and there were only a few potholes. The parking lot for the launch is very dusty, however, and thought the township might look in to brining it.

Doug White, Supervisor, joined meeting. Noted that RAMS is mowing and that they will have the cemeteries done prior to decoration day.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Jacob Snovlen, Eagle Scout

Wants to make a flag retirement box as part of his eagle scout project. Would like to locate it by the bathhouse. LaMott is concerned that trash will end up in it if the township does not located it away from the bath house. Wielenga noted that ne encouraged it to be built out of a durable material. LapPointe said he may have a neighbor who could help with that. Wielenga would like the project to be installed by Flag Day. Also would like it located on the triangle on the back side of the bath house, or the end of the bike rack. Everyone verbally agreed with those locations.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

5:24 There was no public comment.

ADJOURN: Motion by Wentzloff, supported by Jenema, to adjourn. No discussion. All Yeas. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karly Wentzloff, Secretary



ACME TOWNSHIP PARKS & TRAILS MEETING
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road Williamsburg, MI 49690
May 16, 2022 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Committee:

	Huffer		Jenema		LaPointe		Timmins
	Wentzloff		Morrison		Wielenga		
	Kushman		Lamott				
	Wolf		Vacant				

Advisory:

Staff:

A. PUBLIC COMMENT:

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

C. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

D. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Lockwood

E. ACTION:

1. Approve Draft Parks & Trails Minutes 9.20.21

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bayside Playground Expansion
2. Trails update -TART
3. Sayler Park Memorial Benches

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN:

Lindsey Wolf

From: Nancy Edwardson
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 6:43 AM
To: Lindsey Wolf
Subject: FW: Pickleball Courts

-----Original Message-----

From: Rweb Lockwood <lockwoodweb684@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 10:18 AM
To: Nancy Edwardson <NEdwardson@acmetownship.org>
Subject: Pickleball Courts

Hello,

Would like to ask about adding pickleball courts to one of the parks. While Bayside Park seems to have a lot of open space for some courts, I recently noticed that Sayler Park has an area just west of the car entrance off of Yuba Park Rd, by the gates, that's framed by trees that could probably contain 3 courts.

With the state DNR funding that's available, is that something to pursue? I have a friend who lives in Gaylord & they put in new tennis courts a few years ago that received grant dollars from the DNR for the project.

Thanks,

Bob Lockwood

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DRAFT MINUTES
September 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

Committee Members present: Huffer, Jenema, Wielenga, Morrison, Wentzloff
Committee Members excused: LaPointe, Timmins
Advisory present: Kushman, Lamott
Staff present: Susan Kase, Recording Secretary

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wentzloff, supported by Morrison to approve the agenda as presented. All Yeas. Motion carried.

C. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None stated.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

E. ACTION

1. Approve **DRAFT** Minutes for the July 19, 2021 Parks & Trails meeting. **Motion by Wentzloff, supported by Jenema to approve the DRAFT Parks & Trails Minutes of July 19, 2021 as presented. No discussion. Yes: Jenema, Wentzloff, Morrison, Wielenga; No: None; Abstain: Huffer; Motion carried.**

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bayside Playground Expansion

Chairman Wielenga opened the discussion regarding customizing the features of the proposed playground. Referencing the Playcraft catalog, Committee members voiced their suggestions for the ages 2- to 5-year-old play area and the ages 5- to 12-year-old play area. It was agreed that it is best to avoid surfaces that may become slippery, to select more

durable materials that are less prone to damage/breakage, and to not include noisy attachments such as a xylophone. Based on the agreed upon features, Chairman Wielenga will go back to Josh Cartwright, Play Environments Design consultant, with the new configuration and request an updated rendering of the playground. The timeline for the playground installation will be 1) finalize what features will be included, 2) present a visual rendering for the community, and 3) seek funding for the project. Chairman Wielenga stated that Playcraft prices are scheduled to increase in January 2022.

2. Trails Update

Advisor Kushman updated the Committee members on the Acme Connector Trail. The advertisement for bids will be published this Thursday, September 23. The bidding will be open from September 23 to October 24, four weeks. They are hoping to cast a wide net for multiple bids that are in line with the estimates. Construction is scheduled for late winter 2021, early spring 2022. It is hoped that construction would be complete by August 1, with regulatory signage in place by August 1. Mr. Kushman commented that lumber prices have decreased recently.

3. Kiosk for Bayside

The Acme Township Park Rules will be incorporated in the kiosk, and Lindsey Wolf will design the kiosk. There was discussion by the Committee Members regarding updating the Park Rules. This item will be on next month's meeting agenda.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Marina Area and Bunker Hill Park Space

The initiative to improve the green space near the Marina was started by boat owners and interested parties. While their involvement is welcomed, there are issues regarding ownership that Acme Township must address. The Township would do the work, update the irrigation near the Marina, eliminate weeds, and improve the green space.

In regard to improving the Bunker Hill Boat Launch, the Grand Traverse County Road Commission owns the land. Some issues with the Boat Launch are the limited number of parking spaces, there is no power supply to the well, and the vet clinic building. Chairman Wielenga asked what needs to be done to move forward. It was agreed that a list of what is desired for the Marina Area and Bunker Hill Park Space is needed. Some ideas are public restrooms, a covered pavilion, and a sandy beach area.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN: Motion by Jenema, supported by Huffer, to adjourn. No discussion. All Yeas. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Kase, Recorder