



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 05, 2006, 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:35 p.m.

Members present: P. Salathiel, F. Gingras, K. Guy, D. Krause,
Members excused: C. Abernethy, P. Brink (Co-Chairs), O. Sherberneau
Members absent: N. Knopf
Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

- A. **Public Comment:** Salathiel acknowledged our guest, State Representative, Howard Walker. He will be speaking later.
- B. **Approval of minutes:**
Motion by Gingras. Seconded by Krause to approve of the 2/22/06 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Limited Public Comment:** Gingras at a recent function met up with our State Representative, Howard Walker. Gingras asked Walker what he could do help the township acquire some of this vacant shoreline. Walker is chairman of the DNR appropriations subcommittee. Walker's interest began with wanting accessibility to the bay. He began investigating with the DNR for a boat launch in East Bay township. With the low levels we have lost the boat launch at Bunker Hill and Four Mile. There are launches at Elk Rapids and Peninsula Township. The boat launches in operation now can only accommodate medium size boats. Walker has been in the process of pursuing this. One thing the DNR looks for is local support. They have worked in areas without support but it is a lot easier with. Walker thought this committee could pass on to the Township Board a resolution that would help Walker with his position with the DNR. There are funds in the DNR budget that can help with preserving shoreline properties and development rights. There are funds to purchase land also. Walker would be willing to work with us. Gingras asked if any member of the DNR committee could be contacted. Walker suggested Keith Chambers, who is a strong advocate for Northern Michigan people. Krause asked if a site for a boat launch was picked out. Walker responded no. It was his desire to get a resolution from the Board showing community support for a boat ramp. DNR would then jump in with endorsements.
- D. **Review plans for May 19 Strategic Planning Meeting:** We approved the "letter of invitation" to participants. We will change the meeting place to Mountain Jacks. We will add the DNR to our mailing list. Corpe will look over list to see if there are any citizens we should include. Salathiel asked if the committee could use the Shoreline funds to pay for this May 19th meeting. It was agreed that would be fine.

- E. Brief report on MSU conference:** Corpe reported that about 450 people were in attendance on Monday, March 27, in Lansing. There was two large lectures with two breakouts from those. We didn't get any funding up in Northern Michigan.
- F. Next steps:** Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. At that time we will finalize plans for the May 19th Strategic Planning Meeting.

ADJOURNED AT 5:45 p.m.