



**ACME TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 25, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

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

- Members present:** O. Sherberneau (Chair), S. Feringa, V. Guntzviller, M. Guy, S. Vreeland, H. Yamaguchi (7:15)
- Members excused:** P. Brink, K. Challender, C.Wacker,
- Staff present:** Jamie Wade – Gourdie-Fraser
T. Henkel, Parks & Maintenance Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Consider approval of the minutes of the June 26, 2008, meeting.

MOTION BY GUNTZVILLER. SECONDED BY GUY TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES WITH ONE SPELLING CORRECTION FROM JUNE 26, 2008. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business:

1. Update on Boat Launch project – Jamie Wade

Wade showed final drawings of the Sayler Park Launch Ramp. Committee members reviewed the drawings. The question was raised regarding parking. Wade said we will use the current parking. DNR may want to see as much as twenty more parking spaces. As part of this DNR grant we will submit the paperwork from the Boat Launch project to DNR and will receive around \$18,000 back to use as seed money to get more grant money.

Guy asked how long the project will take to complete. Wade thought two weeks from start to finish. Wade said crews will do some demo work this fall. Dredging will be done by April.

MOTION BY GUNTZVILLER. SECONDED BY YAMAGUCHI TO FORWARD THE SAYLER PARK LAUNCH RAMP FINAL DRAWINGS TO THE BOARD AND TO THE DNR FOR FUTURE FUNDING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Potential Ordinance of Woodland Acres Access

Vreeland told the advisory that there are four paths in the Woodland Acres subdivision that run into the Grand Traverse Bay. The paths were dedicated to the public in 1924.

The paths are public property under the jurisdiction and control of Acme Township.

Vreeland said it is a growing problem with residents often leaving chairs and toys behind. At times a lot of adults and children are using the same 25 ft space, often spilling over to private residencies in the same area.

Vreeland had legal review done by Township attorney, Chris Bzdok. A copy of his memo was handed out to committee members, along with Ordinance 82-2 Parks and Regulations Ordinance. A ordinance regulating the use of the paths in the plat of Woodland Acres was drafted and presented to the advisory.

MOTION BY FERINGA. SECONDED BY GUY TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD THE WOODLAND ACRES ORDINANCE WITH LEGAL REVIEW OF SECTION 3.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vreeland would like to have a public meeting for the residents of Woodland Acres in, October, to discuss the ordinance. She would like to have it before the “Snowbirds” leave for the winter months. Vreeland would also like members of the Park and Recreation Advisory to be in attendance as well.

2. Discuss creating a “toy boat” for the Sayler Park playground

Sherberneau, made contact with Terry Hughes, from Brown Lumber, regarding designing a toy boat for Sayler Park playground. Hughes designed the toy train in one of Traverse City’s local parks. Hughes would charge from \$300-\$400 to draw up plans. Henkel suggested modeling the boat after some local connection or History. No suggestions were made at this time.

MOTION BY GUY AND SECONDED BY GUNTZVILLOR TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vreeland told the committee that we did not receive any of the 2% funding from the Tribe. But will apply again for the December cycle.

Vreeland continues to work on the DNR Trust fund application. In the preliminary scoring we received 255 out of a possible 300. We have until Wednesday, October 1st, to add additional information and resubmit. Kent Reynolds, from Elk Rapids Rotary Club, wrote a letter of support for the grant. Vreeland told the advisory that we had received a \$20,000.00 grant from the Biederman Foundation towards the Shoreline project.

She also told of the newly formed Marina advisory that will be working on possibly acquiring East Bay Harbor Marina.

Kladder commented on a meeting on October 7th, with Larry Lake, Bill White, Bob Otwell, Steve Smith, Lee Bussa regarding the Tart Trails and future expansions.

ADJOURNED AT 8:15 pm