



**ACME TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 28, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Members present: O. Sherberneau (Chair), S.Feringa, V. Guntzviller, M. Timmins
Members excused: M.Guy, H. Yamaguchi
Staff present: W. Kladder, Township Supervisor
T. Henkel, Parks & Maintenance Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

- A. Limited Public Comment:
- B. Consider approval of the minutes of the [03-25-10](#) meeting:

Motion by Feringa. Support by Guntzviller to approve the minutes of 03-25-10 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Correspondence:

D. Old Business:

- 1. Discussion about proposed Sayler Park Boat Launch dredging needs
 - a) Tom Brayton, Brayton & Sons Excavating
Sherberneau asked Brayton if he had reviewed the plans to which he said he had. Sherberneau commented that this was not a bid; just a gathering of information for the project. Brayton said there are two options available; one is “cast-in-place”. This is a ready-mix concrete that is poured in forms on site. and the other “poured”. He would recommend the ‘cast-in-place’ as it is more durable and cost efficient.
Sherberneau said we are looking to accommodate smaller boats up to 18 ft with an outboard.
Guntzviller asked what we need to do with what is dredged out. Brayton said you spread it out to dry.
Brayton would estimate the cost to do the ‘cast-in place’ \$110,000.00 to \$115,000.00. He estimated the annual maintenance to be around \$1000.00.
 - b) Tom Henkel: potential for township staff to perform dredging
Henkel said that he had planned on using the projector to show pictures but with the high winds the last day or so we had no internet service.
Henkel said that when he first heard of a dredging annual charge of around \$13,000.00 he started thinking of different ways to do this for a lesser amount. He went online and researched dredging, which lead him to think about mini or even micro machinery. He found one that could be pulled by a pickup truck that weight around 3000 pounds. They even have really micro ones for the landowner to do a small pond or lake on his property. He handed out some pictures of dredges. He did not have any pricing just general information.

He commented that there has to be other townships with the same concerns and issues with their boat ramps. Perhaps a intergovernmental agreement with dredging with other townships. Perhaps we could share the equipment to help with the expense.

E. New Business:

1. Discuss plans for short-term opening of new shoreline park area - Kladder Kladder is putting to gather a "Blue Ribbon" committee with various people. He would like around 6-7 members. He would like a representative from the Parks & Recreation Advisory. This is a short term committee meeting once a month beginning in November, December and possibly January. He would like the committee to put together a list of all the needs and issues for the new Shoreline project. Some needs Kladder mentioned are parking, picnic tables, waste dispensers, flowers/landscaping. He said that the Acme Sweetwater Garden club will have members on this "Blue Ribbon" committee. Kladder has a goal of April 1st as the parks will open May 15th for the season. Feringa offered to be on the committee.
2. Election of officers for Parks & Recreation Advisory
After a short discussion a motion was made.

Motion by Guntzviller to appoint Sherberneau as Chair of the Parks & Rec Advisory for one month in the event Guy or Yamaguchi (not present) would like to chair. Seconded by Timmins. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shererneau to appoint Feringa as vice-chair. Seconded by Guntzviller. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Public Comment/Any Other Business:

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.