



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:40 p.m.

Members present: P. Salathiel, P Brink, C.Abernethy, B. Garvey (joined by phone), D. Krause, J. Maitland, O. Sherberneau

Members absent: F. Gingras, K. Guy, N. Knopf, K. Magliochetti, S.Vreeland

Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Brink introduced two visitors to the meeting, Claudia Fry and David Alexander. Fry will be joining us as a new member.

A. Consider approval of August 13, 2009, meeting minutes:

MOTION BY KRAUSE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 13, 2009, MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY SHERBERNEAU. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Limited Public Comment: None

C. Business

1. Property acquisition update

Salathiel said that McDonough was unable to attend today but had forwarded information to Salathiel to share with the advisory. She said that McDonough hoped to close with the Shoreside Inn, December 30, 2009. We hope to close on Willow Beach the first quarter of 2010 and Knollwood, June of 2010. Salathiel commented that Phase I is pretty much secured except for the funding. She said there have been no problems with the environmental assessment, title work and appraisals. Abernathy asked if there would be another appraisal before the closing and Salathiel said there has to be one within six months of the closing date.

On Phase II Salathiel reported that the Sun and Sand and Mountain Jack's options are signed. McDonough is still working with Sarris. Salathiel commented that Sarris is a willing seller. Salathiel said the DNR Phase II Trust find application is in and now we are waiting.

Fry asked about the Knollwood house. She had heard talk of preserving it but thought that with the DNR grant all buildings had to be removed or demolished.

Brink commented that the Township Heritage Advisory had been looking into preserving the building for a historical museum and interest had been expressed in moving the home for private use. Brink said that according to the DNR Trust fund buildings remaining on the property are for "outdoor recreation", such as a nature center, snack bar. He believes that one would have to apply for a waiver to declare the building historical. Brink said we need to actively pursue the issue in future meetings.

2. Fundraising update

Brink said we normally have two people from the conservancy in attendance at our meetings. Olds is on maternity leave and McDonough was unable to attend.

Brink said our main goal right now is to raise money for Phase I before next summer. We need to raise about \$500,000.00. He said we had two setbacks, we had hoped on getting \$600,000.00 from MDOT and that failed and then we anticipated \$300,000 from MDOT again which didn't come. It was very disappointing. Brink said we have applied to Rotary Charties for \$100,000.00 and will be applying to other foundations. Brink commented that we have raised about \$158,000.00 in private donations. We would like to have another cultivation event before the holiday season. Garvey and his wife, Kathy, are thinking of hosting this event. Brink said the first of the year we would like to have more of a public campaign. We did some brainstorming about ideas. Jean Aukerman, chairperson of the Marina Advisory, has many thoughts and will work on putting them together and come back to the advisory. We talked about getting more press with the Record Eagle, Traverse Magazine and Northern Express.

3. Marina update

Aukerman said the next step is to prepare an RFP/Q to do a feasibility study. She would like to be part of the ~~processing~~ **process** of picking a firm. Aukerman would like to see a firm with experience in grant writing to help us. Vreeland will send a sample RFP/Q and then Aukerman would write one.

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D. Public Comment/Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.