



ACME TOWNSHIP
SHORELINE PARK AND PRESERVATION ADVISORY MINUTES
Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 4:34 p.m.

Members present: F. Gingras, K. Guy (Co-chairs), C. Abernethy, J. Aukerman, P. Brink (joined by phone) J. Maitland, O. Sherbereneau, P. Salathiel J. Watts
Members excused: C. Fry, D. Krause, K. Magliochetti
Staff present: S. Vreeland, Township Manager
W. Kladder, Supervisor
M. Olds, GTRLC
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

1. [Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2012 meeting:](#)

Motion by Gingras. Seconded by Salathiel to approve the January 18, 2012, meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Limited Public Comment:

Kladder said that he had an interview with 9 and 10 News earlier today. The House and Senate passed approval today of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for park projects across the state. Kladder said this will be money for the Acme Beach Club.

3. Business

1. Land Acquisition Update

Olds said the Sun and Sand closing is March 22nd. She said that McDonough is very busy with many, many projects. Another member of the Conservancy staff, Chris Sullivan, will be reaching out to the landowners along the shoreline corridor to see if there are other landowners who would like to participate in the project. Sullivan will be working with Township Manager, Vreeland.

Abernethy asked about two beach pathways between some of the properties on the Shoreline. She asked if they would be included in the purchases. Olds said no as they belong to property owners across the road. But perhaps easements will be put in place.

2. Fundraising Update – Megan Olds

Olds provided a "[handout](#)" for Acme Shoreline Park, Phase 3 Budget and Revenues. She reviewed with the advisory. She also handed out a [map](#) of the Acme Shoreline.

3. Deconstruction for Phase 2 Update

Kladder commented that there had been no activity.

4. Hoxsie House Relocation

Vreeland reported at the March Board meeting after much discussion a motion was made to draft a letter of request to the DNR Trust fund with a structured timeline to relocate the Hoxsie House. Trustee, Erick Takayama, had suggested moving the house to the Bayside Park. This is owned by Acme Township and still part of the original Hoxsie homestead.

Aukerman suggested that perhaps other people/groups and locations should be considered with solid business plans for the house. Jim Goss asked for permission to speak and then gave the offer from VGT for property for the house on the Village site along with financial support for help in funding to move it there. Goss said that with future approvals still needed from Acme Township and the land moving work needed once the project begins, that it could be as long as 8 months to a year before the house could be moved. There was discussion about the loss of the willow tree. It was suggested that perhaps leaving the foundation and just filling in might help to save the tree. Kladder and Vreeland asked letters from the Acme Heritage Society explaining its offers and decisions as well as one from the VGT regarding its offer of land and help in moving costs before the April Board meeting.

5. Acme Placemaking Initiative

Guy said Acme Township is about to embark on a placemaking/planning process for the sub-area of the township that lies south of the US 31/M-72 intersection, north of the US 31/Five Mile Road intersection, and includes both the west and east sides of US 31 North within the described area. We have three different grants totaling \$35,000 to help in the process. Rotary Charities/\$5,000, NW MI Council of Gov'ts/\$10,000 and Costal Zone Management/\$20,000.

Guy also said that at least six specific individuals or firms known to be leaders in placemaking and general planning are expected to solicit proposals. Interviews will take place on March 27th, with a goal of having the final work product delivered for approval and ready for execution in July/August. Guy will represent the Shoreline Advisory on the consultant selection/project steering committee.

Guy also commented that there will be a joint discussion about the Shoreline District Placemaking project with representatives of the Placemaking Selection 7 Steering committee at the Planning Commission meeting, Monday, March 26th

6. Communication – Key Messages

Salathiel was very pleased that the Hoxsie House will be preserved at another location.

The advisory said to “Move along and keep the donors happy”

Adjourned at 5:30p.m.