



ACME TOWNSHIP
Marina Advisory Committee
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690
Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 2:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:08 P.M.

Members present: J.Aukerman (Chair), R.Ehart, J.Olson, P.Parker (3:10) S.Vreeland, Township Manager, B. Zucco

Members excused: None

Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

A. Approval of the March 24, 2009, meeting minutes

MOTION BY OLSON, SECONDED BY PARKER TO APPROVE THE MARCH 24, 2009, MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

C. REVIEW OF March 24, 2009 ACTION ITEMS AND STATUS

Reviewed action items and status from the March 24, 2009, meeting.

In regards to action item #3 (Jean and Sharon to meet with Township Attorney and propose plan to move forward) Aukerman said she had a phone conference with the township attorney discussing the corporation and how it functions. She has a greater respect and understanding for the corporation. Aukerman also will be putting updates in the township biweekly e-newsletter. She will have the township attorney review and approve first.

Parker suggested talking points to control the “rumor buzz”. Aukerman will put together a “Q and A” document with relevant questions regarding the marina. The advisory will review. Parker and Ehart will work on putting questions together as well. This “Q and A” will be on the township website and also posted on the Marina bulletin board.

Carol Watson, a slip owner, asked if boaters would still be able to use the facilities; bathrooms, laundry. Purvis said they would still be in use.

Leo Goepfrich, another slip owner, commented that the foundation is eroding away as a result of the water. Vreeland commented also that the foundation is unstable and the roof leaks.

Chuck Watson, a slip owner, asked if other restaurants had expressed an interest in Mountain Jack’s. Vreeland commented a few have. Watson commented that a restaurant would pay taxes. Vreeland said that if a grant were to be approved; acquisition would take place in 2 or 3 years and she couldn’t see a business only investing in that short time period.

Purvis said recently that three beams were replaced in the center gas dock and one owner replaced a finger pier. Purvis did not believe anymore work on a larger scale would be done on the marina this year.

D. REVIEW OF NEW ACTION ITEMS AND DEADLINES

1. Ensure Acme Township has the contact information for specific current and former EBHC slip owners and lease holders – Tiny Ray; John Wheeler; Pat Cole; Art Hughes; Scott Alpers-Sharon/Nancy working with Adair and Bill Purvis – May 27th
2. Get all harbormaster interview forms to committee electronically – Sharon by May 20th

3. Jean to write up key points for committee members to use as talking points regarding Marina Advisory committee observations/feelings by May 29th. Jean to add to this list as necessary.
4. Jean to write up a question-and-answer document with relevant questions on the Marina Advisory's charter and findings by June 5th; Sharon to post to Acme Township web site.
Note: This document will need ongoing approval from appropriate Shoreline Advisory members and township attorney to ensure accuracy and clarity of communicated information.
5. Pat and Robin to funnel questions to Jean for the "Q & A" document so that most relevant questions are addressed. Ongoing – with first list of questions to Jean by Tuesday, June 2.

E. AGREEMENT ON DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, at 2:00 p.m.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNED AT 3:05 p.m.