

Antrim Creek Natural Area

Robert McLeod, Chairman

Marion Williams

Mary Kay McDuffie

Gary Strange

Carl Veenstra

March 6, 2006

Minutes

Antrim Creek Natural Area

**ACNA Commission
Members Present:**

Robert McLeod, Mary Kay McDuffie and Carl Veenstra

Members Absent:

Gary Strange and Marion Williams

Staff Present:

Joe Meyers

Others Present:

None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert McLeod.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review of the September 7, 2005 Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the September 7, 2005 meeting.

4. Grant Update

Mr. Meyers informed the Commission that the County did not receive any of the grants applied for the ACNA. Mr. Meyers informed the Commission that the Coordinator/Planner's Office determined that the Coastal Management Program grant would be the best grant to submit due to the large grants from the MNRTF being applied for in the County (the Hunt Club and the Sevald Property) this year.

Mr. Meyers presented the idea for the grant (informational arbors) and the accompanying maps and information. Mr. Meyers asked for input on the placement of the arbors. The Commission indicated where the best locations for the arbors would be.

Motion by Mary Kay McDuffie, supported by Carl Veenstra to have the Coordinator/Planner's Office pursue the Department of Environmental Quality's Coastal Management Program Grant. Motion carried – Unanimous.

5. 2004 Archeological Study Update

Bob McLeod indicated that in reviewing the study, it seemed that MSU found more of the same artifacts that were found in the last archeological study. Mary Kay McDuffie noted that she was upset with the length of time it took to get the report and further noted that it was not proofread.

6. Archeological Artifacts Display

Mr. Meyers informed the Commission that at the September 7, 2005 meeting the Commission tasked the Coordinator/Planner's Office with finding out the procedure of having an Archeological Artifacts Display. Mr. Meyers noted that he had tried to contact numerous people but was unable to get a hold of anyone.

Mr. McLeod tasked the Coordinator/Planner's Office with checking with the local school districts to see if a display of this nature would be of any interest. Mr. McLeod noted that we need to know more about the security needs of the artifacts and how they are being kept at MSU.

7. Member Comment

Carl Veenstra noted that there are three pieces of property surrounding ACNA that are for sale. Mr. McLeod noted that the Coordinator/Planner's Office could check into those properties and find out the information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.

**The next Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission
meeting is scheduled for
May 8, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
at the Banks Township Hall, Ellsworth.**

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May 8, 2006

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ACNA Commission Members Present: Robert McLeod, Gary Strange, Mary Kay McDuffie and Marion Williams
Members Absent: Carl Veenstra
Staff Present: Pete Garwood, Eileen Wallick
Others Present: Jacob Veenstra

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert McLeod.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review of the March 6, 2006 Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the March 6, 2006 meeting.

4. Fund Raising

Mark Randolph, Director of the Grass River Natural Area (GRNA) and member of the ACNA Endowment Committee, joined the meeting. Mr. Randolph informed the Commission that he, Peter Garwood, and Joe Meyers had met with Jean Snow. Mr. Randolph was involved in the meeting as a representative of the Antrim Creek Natural Area (ACNA) Endowment Committee. Mr. Randolph relayed information about ways to fund raise to grow the ACNA Endowment. The Commission discussed the possibility of fundraising, but in the end decided fundraising was not the appropriate focus right now.

Mr. Randolph updated the Commission on the status of the ACNA Endowment as of the first quarter of 2006.

Motion by Gary Strange, supported by Marion Williams, to recommend the Endowment Committee meet to address the issue of what if anything should be done with the temporary fund of the ACNA Endowment. Motion carried – unanimous.

Mr. Garwood informed the Committee about the Management/Organizational Development (MOD) grant. No action was taken.

5. Grant Update

Coastal Management Program (CMP) Grant

Mr. Garwood indicated that we likely will not hear anything about the CMP grant until August or September 2006.

6. Native American Place Name Map

Mr. Garwood informed the Committee that the Native American place name map is very difficult to install in the spring and remove in the fall. Eileen Wallick, Park Manager, informed the Committee it would cost \$55 an hour to have Signs, Letters and Graphics (the company that installed it) install it and remove it when needed. The Committee decided to leave the map in place through the winter.

7. Archeological Artifacts Display

The Committee had some questions about what conditions must be present in order to be allowed to host a display of some of the archeological artifacts found at the ACNA. The Committee asked that Chuck Cleland, archeologist be invited to the next meeting to discuss how we can display some of the artifacts.

8. Phragmites

Phragmites is an invasive species that has made a home on the northern beach of the ACNA. Ms. Wallick informed the Committee she and some volunteers removed multiple bags of the tops of the phragmites last fall to keep them from seeding. The park crew will apply Rodeo to the phragmites this spring. Rodeo is a form of Round-Up that is safe for application around water.

Staff will check to see if the phragmites is near the Lake Huron Tansy.

9. ACNA Members Terms

Mr. Garwood will look up the terms of office for the positions on the ACNA Commission and report back.

10. Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.

**The next Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission
meeting is scheduled for
July 10, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
at the Antrim Creek Natural Area
North Access.**

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Gary Strange

Carl Veenstra

July 10, 2006

Minutes

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**ACNA Commission
Members Present:**

Robert McLeod, Carl Veenstra and Marion Williams

Members Absent:

Mary Kay McDuffie and Gary Strange

Staff Present:

Joe Meyers and Eileen Wallick

Others Present:

Jacob Veenstra, Karen Jones, David Jones and Nancy Jones

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert McLeod.

2. Public Comment

Nancy Jones informed the Commission that the pamphlet in the Traverse City Record Eagle, on the recreational sites throughout the area, states that there is no formal trail system at ACNA. Mr. McLeod tasked the Coordinator/Planner's Office with speaking with the Record Eagle to inform them that there is a formal trail system.

3. Review of the May 8, 2006 Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the May 8, 2006 meeting.

4. Grant Update

Coastal Management Program (CMP) Grant

Joe Meyers noted that the Coordinator/Planner's Office received an email that they would be reviewing all of the grant applications this week and they will let us know shortly.

5. Phragmites

The Commission toured the Phragmites patches in the natural area to see how invasive the plant species was.

6. ACNA Members Terms

Mr. McLeod noted that Mary Kay McDuffie has stepped down from the Commission. Mr. McLeod encouraged the Commission and the attending public to recruit members of the public to submit an interest notification form for the vacant position.

7. Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22p.m.

**The next Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission
meeting is scheduled for
September 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
at Banks Township Hall**