

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
KATHY'S TASK FORCE
COMMITTEE
(89.01)

January 19, 1989

Members

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Walter Cook, Pl. Comm. Rep.	Otto Bretz, Board Rep.
Bill Good	
Harvey Jacobitz, Chairman	
Jack Norris, Secretary	

First meeting: Village Hall, Jan. 19, 1989, 12:56 PM - 2:40 PM.

Some appointees to "Kathy's Task Force", happening to meet at the Township office and thinking it appropriate to hold an initial meeting, sought out other appointees by phone, and called their meeting to order when all who could attend had arrived. All members except Otto Bretz were present.

Harvey Jacobitz was nominated for Chairman, supported and elected unanimously. Jack Norris was nominated, supported and unanimously elected as Secretary.

Topics treated were:

- Torch Lake Club's offered price,
- Sources of grant money,
- Condemnation,
- Upkeep costs,
- Maintenance,
- Patrolling,
- Provisional recommendation,
- Next meeting.

Torch Lake Club's offered price

The committee compared the TLC asking price (\$250,000) with the price of comparable land on the market and with the value that an appraiser would be likely to assign to Kathy's Kampground and agreed that the asking price was unrealistically high.

Sources of grant money

Jacobitz and Norris have both done some checking and will complete further research on this matter, both are expecting useful material in the mail. It now seems likely that grant money can be found to cover 70% or more of the purchase cost and additional arrangements may allow for a truly cost-free acquisition.

Condemnation

Attorneys Leighty and Hickman have both advised that condemnation is a relatively simple process available to the Township, if other procedures prove fruitless or difficult. Bill Good will research that avenue more completely.

Upkeep costs

Norris has collected some data on upkeep costs of a municipal park and will extend that research.

Maintenance

Good pointed out that a house next to the campground will probably come onto the market soon at a fair price and could serve as a rent-free home for a person or couple who would agree to police the grounds and do necessary upkeep in exchange.

Patrolling

There was general agreement that the Constable could be asked, and would be glad, to take on responsibility for any police action required to maintain order in a township park.

Provisional recommendation

It was unanimously agreed that if the Task Force had to make a recommendation to the Township Board at this moment, it would be to encourage the potential sellers to come down in their asking price to something close to the actual market value of the property -- about \$97,500 -- and then solicit Township interest in their offer.

Pending the next meeting of the Task Force, committee members will continue the research mentioned above.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair or on Thursday, February 2, at the Township Hall at 10:00 AM, whichever comes first.

Submitted to members in draft form for comments and/or approval by...

Jack Norris, Secretary [599 2894]