

Banks Township Board Special Meeting  
December 1, 1994  
held at the Banks Township Hall, Ellsworth, Michigan

1. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor Daniel Wieland at 7:30 PM. Board members present included Supervisor Wieland, Clerk Donna Heeres, Treasurer Jacob Veenstra, Trustees Peter VanderArk and Gary Strange. Also present Steve Jones, Glenn Chown of Grand Traverse Land Conservancy, Mark Stone of Antrim County Commission, James Young, attorney for Banks Township.
2. The purpose of the meeting as posted was to discuss possible acquisition of the "Jones Property" located on the west side of Old Dixie Highway in Banks Township.
3. Mark Stone updated the Board on the process and progress thus far including the availability of grant money from the DNR Land Trust Fund, the possibility of using the northern 600 feet that will be conveyed to the Township as part of the 25% local match required for the grant. The County Commission has decided to proceed with the grant application provided the Township is willing to participate by allowing the donated property to be considered a part of the project.
4. Requirements if this option is pursued: Three way agreement with the County, Township, and Land Conservancy regarding conveyances and stipulations. Update of the Parks and Recreation Plan by the end of 1994 and forward to Vicky Anthees of the DNR.
5. Ownership/Management: Consensus of the Board was to seek Co-Ownership with Antrim County; have a reverter clause in the deed if certain specified stipulations are not met, the property would revert to Mr. Jones; establish a joint management agreement with Antrim County and Banks Township under the Urban Cooperation Act.
6. Resolutions: MOTION by Dan Wieland, Supported by Jacob Veenstra, CARRIED, to support the interim ownership by the Conservancy of the Northern Parcel. ABSTAIN: Gary Strange. MOTION by Peter VanderArk, Supported by Dan Wieland, CARRIED, to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign contracts with Antrim County and the Land Conservancy related to ownership of the parcel contingent on state grant approval or other documents that may be required for acquisition of the property commonly referred to as "Old Antrim Preserve".
7. The Clerk was directed to draft a letter to Ms. Jeanne Powers of the DNR Recreation Division to indicate the Township's support of the acquisition.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna L Heeres, Clerk*