

**Elmwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
Minutes of an Informal Meeting on June 14, 2005  
Morgan Hill**

Barb Bloomer, Norm Brokaw, Fred Plamondon, Supervisor Derith Smith

**A. Documents Handed Out:**

1. Elmwood Township Master Plan (September 7, 1999)
2. Elmwood Township Recreation Plan (1998)
3. Greilickville Waterfront Area Study (August 2004)
4. Budget and Current Expenditure Report for the Parks Department.
5. Summary of a Grant Application to DEQ for Coastal Management Grant.

**B. General Focus of the Meeting:**

1. Get the committee together and get things started.
2. Get to know committee members and their interests, concerns, talents.
3. Learn about the Elmwood Parks and find out more about possibilities and opportunities.
4. Next meeting: Wednesday 6/22 at 11:30 at the park next to the marina. Tour of the park and discussion of potentials and problems by Elmwood Planner Bill Swanson.

**C. Supervisor Smith Answered Various Questions Previously Submitted by Norm:**

1. Is there a general assignment for the Parks and Rec Advisory Committee?  
No, there is no general assignment, The committee can draft possible goals and submit them to the Trustees for their approval or revision or rejection.
2. Was there a previous Committee? Are there minutes or recommendations?  
A Recreation Plan was created in 1998, and recent Parks Committee actions include obtaining new playground equipment at Cherry Bend Park.
3. Who are the staff of the Grounds and Maintenance Department?  
Chuck Rainey, Nancy Scott, Don Witkowski.
4. Do we have to meet at the Township Hall, or can we meet at a house or a restaurant?  
Under FOIA, we don't have to meet at the Township Hall unless the Trustees actually entrust us with recommending something on which they might make a decision. However, since we certainly welcome public and Trustee input and participation, it is probably a good idea to meet at the Township Hall and let Connie know so she can post the meeting schedule on the Elmwood Township website.

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**D. There are Some Very Interesting Possibilities for Elmwood Recreational Opportunities:**

1. The grant that Bill Swanson is working on is promising.
2. While we are concerned with Elmwood Parks, we shouldn't forget the other wonderful recreational opportunities in Elmwood Township, like the TART Trail, the Fulton Park (TC), the access at Cedar Lake (DNR). Elmwood should coordinate with these other excellent recreational facilities.
3. There's talk about a crescent of wonderful water access from TC to Elmwood, and there are many recreational and business opportunities. While there are problems with brownfield development, nevertheless some non-profits like the Childrens Museum, MHA, the Watershed Council, and the TC Sailing Club could be interested in participating if the parking and pollution problems could be solved.
4. There are many other possibilities that could be discussed, involving the parks, the marina, the businesses along M-22, etc. .

**E. Assignments:**

1. Read the material we have been given.
2. Make some suggestions for a mission statement for the committee.
3. Think about what direction you'd like the Elmwood Township parks to take.
4. Be prepared to tour our parks, noting what's right and what's wrong.