

**Elmwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2007**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call – Present were Kelly Ignace, Fred Plamondon, Lori Leugers, and Matt Heiman.

3. Discuss Draft DeYoung Natural Area Conservation Easement and Property Management Plan. Maps for Management Plan – Klaus noted that because the DeYoung grant request is for acquisition, and that the Greilickville Harbor Park grant request is for development that the committee needs to reiterate to the board members that we can support both, and that these projects are specifically noted as our top priorities in our latest Recreation Plan.

Matt noted that the DeYoung property's management plan is complete. He presented a copy of it to the committee members. He also provided a draft copy of the easement language. He advised that it would not be wise to spend money on legal review of the document at this time, rather it would be better to wait until such time as the grant approval appears more likely. Fred reviewed it and said that he would like the township planner, Bill Swanson to look at it. He also had some additional comments:

1. He thought the reference to the "property management plan" should indicate that it will be reviewed every 5 years, rather than "at least every 15 years," and be in conjunction with the timeline for review of the township's Recreation Plan.

2. He wanted to see some sort of control measures for mosquitoes, in light of the West Nile Virus and other diseases associated with mosquitoes.

3. He wanted clarification on what hunting and fishing would be permitted. Matt responded that rifle hunting will probably be allowed by permit only. Matt said the conservancy anticipates offering 4 annual permits. He noted that fishing for brook trout will be permitted in their stream, and of course, fishing will be permitted off the pier to be built on Cedar Lake's shore.

Kelly gave a brief update, noting that she is working to reflect the recreation plan in the narrative of the DeYoung acquisition grant.

4. Greilickville Harbor Park revised re-application grant – Klaus discussed funding categories in terms of the local matching percentages. These have been changed for this year's application. The two lowest tiers are 30% (with no associated grant points given) and 36% (with 20 associated grant points given). Klaus prepared scenarios based on both tiers. He noted that the modifications made to enhance barrier-free access would increase the cost of the project, but it is also likely to garner more points in this year's grant review, and there are potential additional local matching funds to cover the difference. Klaus noted that the portion of matching funding that was allocated from the marina fund was to apply for improvements in areas that are most likely to be used by the boaters.

5. Public Comment - None

6. Next Meeting – Tuesday March 20, 2007 at 5:30 p.m., moved from Wednesday 3/21 to accommodate some key participants who were unable to attend on the 21st.

7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m..

Submitted by,

Lori Leugers