

Elmwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2007

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

2. Roll Call – Present were Kelly Ignace, Marilyn Schmidt, Fred Plamondon, and Lori Leugers. Matt Heiman from the Leelanau Conservancy was also in attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Lori, seconded by Kelly to move Kelly's discussion about recycling from Item 11, 'New Business' to Item #5, and to table the discussion on Picnic tables at the Greilickville Harbour Beach.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Approval of Minutes – 4/18/07 Minutes – Motion by Fred, seconded by Kelly to approve the 4-18-07 minutes after removing the duplicate entries 12 thru 14. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Thoughts on Greilickville Harbour Beach Cleanup Day. Follow-up? Maintenance? Trash Removal?
There was a good turn-out at the beach clean-up. Fred had taken several pictures at the event, one of which ended up in the Leelanau Enterprise with a short article about the occasion. Several members agreed that holding the event earlier seemed to work well with respect to being able to see debris on the beach; although it was considerably early to do anything about the purple loosestrife. Lori checked the beach for signs of purple loosestrife, but only found one plant blooming. She brought an example of the loosestrife and also of another potential invasive plant, a phragmite, which is a tall grass that can grow up to 10' or more and has large plume-like fronds in the fall. Lori will be on the lookout for any other loosestrife blooms in order to call the committee together to cut down the plants as previously advised.

Fred commented that there are now no-smoking signs posted at the Harbour Park. Members agreed that it was nice to have a non-smoking policy in that it might alleviate the problem of cigarette butt litter, but were wondering if it could be enforced in a public facility.

Kelly talked about the options for recycling. The members agreed that recycling should be limited to beverage containers only. Kelly suggested having a heavy-duty container placed beside the existing trash dumpster. The township may be able to contract with a trash hauler to remove it, or we could take the responsibility of hauling it to the township's recycling center or United Waste's recycling center located on South Cass Rd. She mentioned the possibility of having advertising on two panels, which might help offset any costs associated with the program. Kelly will look further into the recycling options and report back to the committee at our next meeting.

6. Matt: Update on DeYoung acquisition grant in conjunction with the Harbour Beach grant. MNRTF Acquisition grant. Summer Plans? Matt noted that he and Brian Price met with the MNRTF Board on Wednesday 6/20. Their feedback was not quite what they expected. Several Board members asked why the Conservancy was taking the ownership approach that they were? Since township representatives were not able to attend this meeting and present the township's perspective, Deri and Klaus will be attending the MNRTF board meeting on August 15th. Matt noted that as far as the criterion established for this year's funding cycle, the property meets most of the goals for the land acquisition category, so should score well regardless of the Board members' concerns.

7. TART Trail (Leelanau Trail) Annual cleanup. Leelanau County, Elmwood Twp. Greilickville Harbour Park area. Grand Traverse County TART Trails? Fred! Fred reported that he had been trimming along the road right-of-ways at the intersections of the Leelanau Trail and the township's roads. He felt the visibility for bikers

and other trail users was poor. He commented that we should try to use the name, "Leelanau Trail", rather than "TART" when referring to the trail, to promote recognition of the Leelanau County portion of this park.

8. Update on Picnic tables, etc. This item was tabled until further notice.

9. Greilickville Harbour Park Beautification Day. Next step in Evasive species removal. Special thanks to the Marina people for their help Isat time. Lori. – These items were discussed under #5 above.

10. Old Business. Marilyn: Update on shrubs and seeds for beautification of Heritage Route, flowers in the park. Marilyn noted that the best place to put flowers is around the signs. She said she is skeptical about flowers being trampled on or picked. Flowers may not be feasible because of the cost of maintenance, and didn't want to waste township money. Matt Heiman noted that the best thing to do might be to plant a perennial flowering shrub, which can be planted in the fall, and would be low maintenance.

11. New Business. Sarah, et., al. Inventory of Elmwood Parks & Recreation Facilities & Equipment. – Sarah was not at the meeting to provide a report, but Fred did say that he counted 32 picnic tables at the Elmwood Township Harbour Park. He noted that we should follow up to update the inventory that was done in 1991, including notations on the condition of all items.

12. Next Meeting. – To be determined. We discussed the possibility of holding future meetings on the second Tuesday or Thursday of each month, starting in September, depending on committee member feedback. A special meeting will be called if Deri, Klaus, and/or Matt have something to report after the MNRTF Board meeting in August.

14. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Lori Leugers