

**Elmwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2006**

**1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

**2. Roll Call** – Present were Fred Plamondon, Derith Smith, Kelly Ignace, Matt Heiman from the Leelanau Conservancy, Klaus Heinert, Lori Leugers, Marilyn Schmidt and Sarah Bourgeois. Several members from the public were also in attendance.

**3. Approval of Minutes (8/15 regular meeting and 8/31 special meeting)**– Motion by Fred Plamondon, seconded by Marilyn Schmidt to approve the meeting minutes of the 8/15 regular meeting and 8/31 special meeting. Unanimously approved.

**4. Klaus Heinert update on Grant progress for beach park. “Shanty design”; should we pursue it with others? Deri & Klaus to give update on strategy to respond to the MDNR letter on the ‘grant’ points.** – Klaus felt that with the limit on time that it was more important to focus on the grant. He noted that the DNR sent a request for additional information on the park grant. He also stated that our application scored as high as it could in most categories. The weakest point category was demonstrating economic benefit. They want to see how improving the property will benefit the township economically. He noted that our response needs to be limited to 1 to 2 pgs, and that we would need tangible statements. Some points made included:

- The property is used by the elementary school, schoolship and will be available for use by the newly opened Children’s Museum.
- The existence of the park across from the Greilickville business district will enhance the economic well-being of this area.
- There were members from the public who cited claims from representatives from the Elk Rapids marina that their park and marina has been an economic benefit for their business and residential community.
- The launch facility at Elmwood Township’s marina is the largest on West Bay, and it is utilized by all of Leelanau County. High usage at the marina would parallel high park usage.

There was some further discussion. Klaus felt that we had a good possibility of gaining an additional 10 to 30 points (total preliminary score was 240).

**5. Comments from Marina Committee and/or members of the public** – Comments and questions from the marina committee representative and various members of the public centered around specifics of the two grants. Klaus clarified the details and made some points that would be crucial to the success of these grants. He made reference to the meeting that Derith Smith, Bob Doughty, and he attended in Lansing to meet with representatives of the MDNR Waterways Planning Unit in January 2006 (meeting summary attached to these minutes).

**6. DEQ & DNR meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Submit questions to these representatives beforehand?** There was considerable discussion on what points most critical to make and whether or not the Parks & Rec committee would like to put forth any questions. A few points/questions discussed were:

1. We need to communicate what transient ratio will work for Elmwood Township.
2. We would like to know where we stand in the grant process, and whether The Waterways Commission is seeking any additional information from us.
3. Waterways is more likely to support the MDNR Trust Fund grant and building the third pier if they view our parking ratios as reasonable.
4. We'd like to get verbal confirmation that the third pier allocation could be used as matching funds for the brick and mortar improvements to the marina.
5. The MDNR Waterways group has expressed dissatisfaction with our dry storage because the township had agreed to eliminate it. Do we want to re-examine this issue? Derith thought that we should tread lightly here, because it could greatly jeopardize our opportunities for funding.

**7. Discuss 'Mark Randolph' information on managing the Purple Loosestrife that was sent to Lori** – adjourned until the next meeting.

**8. Matt Heiman update on DeYoung property; 'Resolution'** – Matt had to leave prior to the conclusion of the meeting. This item has been adjourned until the next meeting

**9. Old Business** – Adjourned until next meeting.

**10. New Business** – Adjourned until next meeting.

**10. Next Meeting** – Tuesday, 10/3 at 5:30 p.m. at Elmwood Township Hall

**11. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.