

**Elmwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2007**

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call** – Present were Sarah Bourgeois, Marilyn Schmidt, Fred Plamondon, Lori Leugers and Bill Swanson. Klaus Heinert from Gosling Czubak was also present.
- 3. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Lori, seconded by Marilyn to approve the agenda as presented. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – 9/5/07 Minutes – Motion by Sarah, seconded by Marilyn to approve the 9/5/07 minutes as written. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 5. Soccer Field & Impact on Neighbors** - George Witkowski, an Elmwood Township resident, whose property borders the soccer field brought up the issue of players kicking balls into his and his neighbors' properties. He noted that on several occasions these players made rude comments when retrieving their balls, which often caused damage to plantings. He was seeking some relief from the situation, and was advised by the township board to bring this before the Parks and Rec Committee to consider a course of action. Currently, the trees that are planted behind the goal posts on the south side of the soccer field, are not sufficient to block many of the balls which can clear the goal posts at times. Fred had researched some options and provided a catalog with fencing and/or netting alternatives. After some discussion, the Committee members felt the best course of action would be to first off contact the leaders of the groups who are using the field in order to reinforce the need to be respectful of the neighboring properties, and secondly to research options for a netting that can be raised and lowered behind the goal net. George Witkkowski offered to be responsible for raising and lowering the nets, if needed.
- 6. Greilickville Harbour Beach. Recycling Options - Kelly.** - Kelly was not present to discuss.
- 7. Greilickville Harbour Park. Next step in MNRTF – Klaus** – Klaus said that he has been working on the supplemental information to submit for the grant. He provided a copy of the packet with pictures and narratives that he plans to send in tomorrow. He also received numerous letters of support for the project from individuals and organizations (many non-profit), who would benefit from the utilization of this park. There were also letters from members of the Disability Network, who were in favor of certain elements of the proposed design, which would enhance the accessibility of recreational opportunities for them, which are lacking in the area.

Klaus then gave a brief report on the Marina. He attended a special meeting of the Marina Committee. He asked for decisions on the electrical configurations for “C Dock,” and revised drawings have been sent to the contractor. He is working to get the permit and shop drawings revised. Sarah noted concerns about parking, specifically about backing up with the space allotted. Klaus said the parking has been designed to state standards.
- 8. DeYoung Poroperty Update – Matt.** Matt was not present to comment.
- 9. Old Business. Tabled – Tables. Update.** This was tabled again.
- 10. New Business. Soccer Field Issue/George Witkowski:** – The committee requested Bill Swanson to find out what groups had reserved the fields in order to get contact information to notify them of the problem. Bill was also tasked with identifying feasible netting options to suggest to the ET Board.
- 11. Next Meeting. Wednesday, November 7th, 2007. 5:30 p.m. Elmwood Township Hall**
- 12. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**Submitted by,
Lori Leugers**