

**Elmwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2007**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call – Present were Marilyn Schmidt, Fred Plamondon, Lori Leugers, and Derith Smith. Klaus Heinert from Gosling Czubak was also present.

3. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Marilyn, seconded by Fred to approve the agenda content as presented, but move the discussion on the Greilickville Harbour Park to the top of the agenda items.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Approval of Minutes – 10/3/07 Minutes – Motion by Deri, seconded by Fred to approve the 10/3/07 minutes as written. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Greilickville Harbour Park. Next step in MNRTF – Klaus - Klaus noted that he had a conversation with Linda Hegstrom, who acknowledged that our grant received the full points possible for accessibility to recreation. There were three design concerns that the MNRTF reviewers noted:

1. Railings were not very high along the promenade
2. All picnic tables should be accessible in the pavilion
3. They would like to see a portable hoist which would enable someone in a wheelchair to get from their wheelchair into the water.

Klaus explained that the drawings presented were conceptual and not finalized, so there was room for modifications. Klaus noted that the last opportunity to send a letter to the MNRTF Trust Fund Committee acknowledging that we would be amenable to these modifications would be 12/4/07.

Klaus then gave a brief update on the new dock. He said that he anticipates getting revised plans the following day and intended to include them in the packet that goes to the Waterways Grant committee. He said that Bill Boik, who heads up the grant committee walked it through to make sure it was moving forward.

Klaus left the meeting after his presentation. Several committee members noted what a great job that both Klaus and Nate Elkins have been doing on parks and marina projects.

6. Soccer Field & Impact on Neighbors – Update - Bill Swanson drafted a memo which he forwarded to the Elmwood Township Board members which summarized the options the Parks & Rec Committee discussed to deal with the soccer ball issue. He noted that the P&R committee members felt that it would be advisable to notify each group that requests the use of the field to be respectful of the neighbors when retrieving errant balls. Fred forwarded this memo to the adjoining property owners' representative, Mr. George Witkowski, so that they would be aware that the township is reviewing their concerns. Fred noted that he is still researching possible solutions, but because we are approaching the end of the season, this agenda item can probably be postponed until February.

6. Greilickville Harbour Beach. Recycling Options - Kelly. - Kelly was not present to discuss. Deri noted that until the MNRTF grant is confirmed, we probably shouldn't be making any major decisions for the beachfront, as our focus may change, if and when we are approved.

8. DeYoung Property Update – Matt. Matt was not, but he sent an email update to committee members prior to the meeting. He indicated that the revised MNRTF application had been received and reviewed by Linda Hegstrom and other staff members. Linda indicated that she hopes to have new scores sent out within the next week or two, so Matt will be able to provide the committee with an update by the next Parks and Rec meeting regarding the likelihood of the DeYoung project being funded.

9. Old Business. Tabled – Tables. Update. This was tabled again.

10. New Business. The Grand Vision. Time Line. Elmwood Township: – Fred passed out information from the Michigan Land Use Institute. Deri clarified that MLUI is a separate organization that is supportive of the Grand Vision project, but is not the organization that is running it. She supplied the website for those who would be interested in learning more about the project: www.thegrandvision.org. She noted that individuals can register to receive updates on this site. Deri sits on the TC Talus board, and has been instrumental in getting the study to include Elmwood Township (it initially covered Grand Traverse County only).

She mentioned that the next meetings will be held on 1/23 (tentatively at the Haggerty Center) and 1/24 (tentatively at Grand Traverse Resort and one of the Traverse City High Schools).

Additional New Business: Deri passed out a copy of Garfield Township's Green Infrastructure Plan, which was the equivalent of their Recreation Plan. The plan consisted predominantly of GIS maps.

11. Next Meeting. Wednesday, December 12th, 2007. 5:30 p.m. Elmwood Township Hall

The committee members discussed having an informal meeting/winter holiday celebration.

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Lori Leugers