

**Elmwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2008**

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call** – Present were Fred Plamondon, Lori Leugers, Derith Smith, Marilyn Schmidt, and Kelly Ignace. Matt Heiman from the Leelanau Conservancy was present to give the committee an update.
- 3. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Lori seconded by Marilyn to approve the agenda as presented, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – 01/09/08 Minutes – Motion by Deri, Seconded by Marilyn to approve the minutes of the 1/9/08 regular meeting. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 5. Klaus – Brief Update Greilickville Harbur Park** - Klaus was not in attendance to give a statement,
- 6. Matt – Brief update DeYoung Property Management Plan** - Matt said the state has not officially approval the funding on the DeYoung Property yet, but once that is done the DNR would send a letter and contract. He said that approval from the legislature is not likely to happen until March or April. He noted that a lot of the leg work has been done because conservancy acquisition projects pretty much follow the same guidelines as the trust fund's. There was discussion about asking the township board if they would like to get public input into the management plan. Deri noted that this needs to be coordinated with other projects that Elmwood Twp has committed to with respect to time. Matt commented that he would like to update the Management Plan, so that it runs concurrently with the five year recreation plan. He then discussed the possibility that they may look at partnering with TART Trails to provide restroom facilities. Fred commented that the Conservancy should make sure that there aren't any zoning restrictions that would prevent them from being able to do that.
- 7. Greilickville Harbour Park. New Southend Restroom Facility** – Since Klaus Heinert was not at the meeting, Deri gave a brief update. She noted that it was determined that the location as it was currently proposed would save a lot of money on the sewer hook-up costs. She also noted that TCL&P wants to develop their property and will need bathrooms. There was some discussion about having basic bathroom facilities with outside showering (rinse off) faucets. If it does indeed become a joint project with TCL&P, then their additional needs, if any, can be incorporated at their expense. Deri said that Klaus will be working to fine-tune the plans and return with some new ideas.

As a side note, it was mentioned that it would be a good idea to work on the DeYoung Property Management Plan early because the Parks and Rec Committee will be focusing on the bathroom grant in September and October 2008.
- 8. Greilickville Sub Area** - This is the area between Carter and Grandview and between the old railroad tracks and the bay. Deri asked the Parks & Rec Committee to think of ideas to help the stakeholder community in this area to develop a sense of identity and to encourage participation and involvement in its evolution. One suggestion was to prepare a newsletter.
- 9. Old Business: Soccer Net.** Fred wanted to make sure that there was something in the works for this. It was noted that there will probably be a temporary mesh fencing put up in the goal area to prevent stray balls from being kicked into the neighboring properties.

10. New Business: Wildflower Rescue Program – Sharon Lund, a resident of the township, mentioned that she is a participant in the Wildflower Rescue Program, which is a Leelanau County-based program that digs and re-pots wildflowers that are on sites destined for development. She wondered if the township might be interested in having flowers planted by the fire station. Marilyn and Sharon will get together to further discuss this possibility.

11. Next Meeting. March 12, 2008. –The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Elmwood Township Hall.

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

Submitted by,

Lori Leugers