

**Elmwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 11th, 2008**

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call** – Present were Deri Smith, Marilyn Schmidt, Fred Plamondon, and Lori Leugers. Matt Heiman from the Leelanau Conservancy and Klaus Heinert were present to present grant updates on their respective projects. Elmwood Township board member, Kyle Trevas was also in attendance.
- 3. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Deri, seconded by Marilyn to approve the agenda as presented. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – 5/14/08 Regular Meeting. Motion by Deri, seconded by Lori to approve the 5/14/08 Regular Meeting Minutes. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 5. Management Plan De Young Property - Matt** – Matt noted that the attorney is still working on some plan revisions. He stated that there needs to be a second appraisal. Deri offered to work together with Matt to coordinate this. Deri presented a copy of a letter from Linda Hegstrom, DNR Grant Coordinator, giving us the authorization to incur costs associated with the acquisition of the property which would ultimately be reimbursed by the state. Motion by Lori, seconded by Fred to request that the township board go forward with the appraisal of the DeYoung Property which is to be reimbursed by the state when the grant funds are confirmed. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 6. Park Development Update – Klaus** – Klaus presented a similar letter from Linda Hegstrom, authorizing the township to incur costs associated with the preparation of designs for the development of the park. He noted that the plans need to be submitted with a checklist by a certified professional, along with associated documentation.  
  
Klaus also commented that he met with a representative from the Grand Traverse Sports Fishing Association, who expressed interest in getting a fish cleaning station on Grand Traverse Bay. Klaus believes that Elmwood Township is in a good position to work with this group. He is seeking more input on their specifications. Deri commented that she would like an acknowledgment from the state that installing a fish cleaning station would increase the use at the marina, and should consequently win some extra points. Klaus went on to say that GT Fisheries could open a dialogue with TC Light and Power, which could tie in well with our discussions for making advancements at the park.  
  
Klaus then presented a tentative design of sub areas within the park.
- 7. Blessing of the Fleet Update** - Fred brought pictures of the event which was held at the end of May. Fred apologized for not having an agenda available prior to the event, but due to the passing of John Ferdinand, he did not get the information until it was too late to pass along to other committee members. Fred noted that the event, which is now named in honor of John Ferdinand, will be held annually.
- 8. Greilickville Marina Update**– Klaus noted that we finally have documents from the Department of Management and Budget, so we can go to bids soon. The project may start this year and finish next year.

**9. Wildflower Rescue Program Update – Marilyn** – Marilyn said that there was nothing really to report here. She suggested that we notify the folks who maintain the parks to encircle trees with mulch and leave these permanently. If we do plant flowers, she recommends having a sign at the park entrance, stating “do not pick wildflowers.” There was some discussion about the site that was more appropriate to consider for the placement of wildflowers would be the hillside to the north of the fire station.

**10. Soccer Field – Final update** – Fred reported that Chuck Rainey was able to pick up an inexpensive meshing to prevent stray soccer balls from landing in neighboring properties.

**11. Old Business** – None

**12. New Business** – Fred passed out information regarding the Heritage Route picnic.

- There was discussion about Kelly Ignace’s newsletter for the Greilickville district. She was seeking some written input from the committee. Motion by Lori, seconded by Deri to nominate Sarah to write up something to contribute to Kelly’s newsletter iGVille. Fred noted that Sarah would be a good candidate, with her design background. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. Next Meeting: August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008** – Elmwood Township Hall @ 5:30 p.m.

**15. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

**Submitted by,**

**Lori Leugers**