

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

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call** – Present were Fred Plamondon, Lori Leugers, Sarah Bourgeois, Matt Heiman from the Leelanau Conservancy, and Elmwood Township Board Trustee, Kyle Trevas.
- 3. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Lori seconded by Sarah to approve the agenda as presented. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes - 7/23/08 Special Meeting** Sarah noted her last name was misspelled on page 1. Motion by Fred, seconded by Sarah to approve the 7/23/08 Special Meeting minutes with the spelling correction on page 1. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 5. Management Plan De Young Property - Matt** – Matt presented the draft agreement, which laid out the roles and responsibilities of each entity as it relates to the management plan of the DeYoung property. The actual Management Plan will be worked out over the next year. Fred pointed out a concern he had with a statement in paragraph 4, which indicated that requests for uses or improvements would come to the Parks and Recreation Committee for approval or denial. He suggested that it be changed such that the Parks and Rec Committee would review and recommend approval or denial to the township board. Motion by Lori, seconded by Sarah to recommend that the township Board approve the DeYoung Natural Area Lakefront Property Management Agreement presented by Matt Heiman with the modifications suggested by Fred in paragraph 4. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Matt went on to give a general update on the property. He said that Eastern Michigan University's Historic Preservation Project will be teaching a class at DeYoung this fall. He also noted that the buildings are being stabilized, and they have received a grant to help with this.

- 6. Park Development Update** – Klaus Heinert discussed the need for input as we move forward. He thought it would be a good idea to have some input from decision makers and stakeholders in the community. Among the issues that needed to be resolved were how to allocate parking between the marina and park users. He also noted that we will need to get the Rotary grant application for the restroom in by September 1st.

Committee members discussed options for getting input from key individuals, and decided to have a meeting at the park itself in the picnic pavilion. The date is to be Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. If weather is bad, the alternative site will be Elmwood Township Hall. Notice will be given to members of the Marina Committee, Planning Commission, and Township Board (current and potential future members). Klaus was also going to see about getting representatives from the Disabilities Network.

- 7. Elmwood Beach Park Restroom Facility** – Klaus stated that the grant is mostly assembled. He was hoping to meet with Marcia Smith and/or Becky Ewing (grant coordinator) of Rotary charities.

He also noted that TCL&P wants to complete their improvements by the fall, which drives the development of the park on the southern end.

- 8. Wildflower Rescue Program Update – Marilyn** – Marilyn was not present to provide a report, so discussion on this topic was tabled.

9. Little League Baseball – Diamond update – The topic was scheduled to be on the board’s agenda at its September 9th meeting. Lori expressed concern about excessive lighting in the park. Apparently, the plans do not call for lighting.

10. Old Business – Newsletter – Kelly – Kelly was not present to provide an update.

11. New Business – None

12. Next Meeting: September 10th, 2008 – Elmwood Township Hall @ 5:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Submitted by,

Lori Leugers