

**Elmwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Special Joint Meeting with Marina Committee
October 23, 2008 Minutes**

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. Roll Call – Present were Fred Plamondon, Lori Leugers, Sarah Bourgeois, and Deri Smith representing the Parks and Recreation Committee; Sid Lammers and Michael Morris representing the Marina Committee and Klaus Heinert from Gosling Czubak. Members of the public included Lee Nowak, Don Gorski and Mark Benedict.

3. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Lori seconded by Deri to approve the agenda as presented.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Fred, seconded by Sarah to approve the minutes of the 10/8 Parks and Rec Meeting. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5, 6, 8, and 9. Park Development Update/Elmwood Beach Park Restroom Facility/Rotary Charities Grant Update/Greilickville Harbour Beach Parking Update – Klaus presented a synopsis of the project to date. He stated that he would like to have consensus from the Parks & Rec and Marina committees, as well as the Planning Commission and Board before preparing the final draft of the plans. He noted that the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has appropriated the funds, so we can now go out for construction bids. Agreements will be sent to the township. He then presented drawings of the park property, showing current and two proposed configurations. The first option would have a circle area for parking, as well as a loop drive which provides for a pick-up and drop-off site and additional parking. The second option would provide two parking areas that fanned out in opposite directions from the main entrance. Both options will provide approximately 60 parking spaces. The group seemed to favor the first option, because it provided for better vegetative screening than the second one. Klaus noted that it was his goal to have bids for the park construction by February.

There was discussion about the locations of the restroom facilities, and whether it would be best to consider one or two sites. Klaus noted that the current grant request is for a single location. He noted that there will be a Rotary meeting on 10/31 at 9a.m., beginning at the Children's museum, and then continuing on site at the park to review the application. Syd Lammers noted that Rotary will like to see collaboration from the community and other funding sources.

Lee Nowak expressed concern about the square footage allocated for recreational purposes, wondering if it was sufficient.

Mike Morris expressed concerns about crossing M-22 for access to the park. Klaus explained the median concept which he has been encouraging MDOT to agree to this.

Don Gorski noted that the latest draft of the park plan addressed many of the issues that were brought up by the public during the 9/27/08 special meeting.

7. Third Dock Update - Klaus– Klaus stated that the public hearing for C Dock is scheduled for November 12th at the township hall. He said that the county would like to review some of the plans. He also stated that they probably won't be putting the docks in this year. The docks are done; however, and the contractor would like to stage them. He then noted that the land-based improvements are likely to be done in the Spring.

Mike Morris asked if the third dock was going to be universally accessible. Klaus confirmed that it would be.

10. Old Business – None

11. New Business – None

12. Next Meeting: November 12, 2008 at 5:30 at the township hall.

13. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Submitted by,

Lori Leugers