

**Elmwood Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2008**

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call** – Present were Derith Smith, Sarah Bourgeois, Fred Plamondon, and Lori Leugers. Klaus Heinert was also present to provide an update on the Greilickville Harbor Park.
- 3. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Deri, seconded by Lori to move discussion on New Business Item, “Sport Fishing Cleaning System” to agenda Item #5, just after Approval of Minutes. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 4 Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Sarah, seconded by Deri to approve the minutes from the 10/28/08 Special Joint Meeting with the Marina Committee. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- 5. New Business – Sport Fishing Cleaning System** – Wendy Sak, treasurer of the Grand Traverse Sport Fishing Association(GTSFA) gave some background of the organization’s 30 year history. There are 300+ members, and it is the largest fishing group in Michigan. She indicated that their “Mission is Fishin’,” and they would really like to get a fish cleaning station in the Traverse City area. She noted that every major port in Michigan has one, except Traverse City, which is ranked #3 in the nation for fishing. Wendy indicated that both the DNR and Grand Traverse Band are aware of and support the GTASFA’s agenda to locate a fish cleaning station in the area. There was some discussion concerning whether the sewer system had enough capacity to support the facility. Alternative suggestions included the possibility of a holding tank which would have to be pumped out periodically. Deri also noted that boat and car traffic must be factored into the location and design. She suggested an alternative to consider would be a portable type station. GTSFA would like to be on the board’s agenda for consideration. Wendy wanted to present details, including cost estimates and structural options in more detail at the next regular Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Parks and Rec committee members thought it would be appropriate to invite the Marina Committee members. Lori stated that she would notify key Marina Committee members.
- 6. Park Development Update – Klaus** – Klaus distributed a Scope of Work document for the final design and construction engineering portion, along with a proposed schedule for the work to be completed. Klaus noted that TC Light & Power approved a bridge connector between their property and the south end of the park, and that permits are in place for those to move forward. Klaus indicated that the park construction will most likely take place over the entire summer and fall, or alternatively it could be split between the fall of 2009 and Spring of 2010.
- 7. Elmwood Beach Park Restroom Facility** – Klaus stated that the Rotary grant for the restroom facility/(ies) is still pending, and that he would probably know by the end of next week. If it is not approved, then we need to decide what to do next.
- 8. Management Plan DeYoung Property – Update** – Matt Heiman was not present to give an update.
- 9. Township Special Meeting – Rotary Charities Grant - Update** – Klaus and Fred attended the meeting. They thought that Rotary Charities was more inclined to fund a single restroom at the south end of the park property.

**10. Baseball Diamond & Soccer field– Update** – There was a brief discussion on whether there was zoning issues to consider with the concession stand.

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

**12. New Business (cont'd) –**

**TC Light & Power Harbour Beach Construction Upgrade** – Fred distributed a copy of a Record Eagle article showing the landscaping project for which TCL&P had contributed \$70,000 to improve the coal dock area.

**DeYoung Farmstead Workshop** – Lori distributed a flyer describing this workshop which was open to anyone interested in participating in discussion about the future of the farmstead and associated buildings on the Conservancy-owned portion of the DeYoung property. With the support of grant funds awarded for this purpose, The Leelanau Conservancy hired an expert in historical preservation from Eastern Michigan University to help guide this project, along with his graduate students.

**TART Volunteer Appreciation Party** – Fred distributed a notice for TART volunteers who would like to attend a Volunteer Recognition Party that will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Right Brain Brewery. RSVP's need to be directed to Missy Luyk.

**13. Next Meeting: December 10th, 2008** – Elmwood Township Hall @ 5:30 p.m.

**13. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

**Submitted by,**

**Lori Leugers**