

Parking in Style



PROJECT NAME: Grand Traverse Resort & Spa Parking Lot Reconstruction

CHALLENGE: Keeping hotel operations underway while performing reconstruction of entire parking lot.

SOLUTION: Awareness of the hotel-guest experience during construction, attention to details and timeline.

OWNER: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

CONTRACT PRICE: \$1.4 million

DESIGN ENGINEER: Ken Okert and Rob Kalbfleisch, Owner Representatives, (231) 360-7037

LOCATION: Acme, MI

PARTNERS: Peninsula Pavers, Kent Companies, Hallmark Construction, Gosling Czubak, Kenmark, Milarch Brothers, Lautner Irrigation, Topline Electric, Michigan Pipe & Valve

DATE COMPLETED: May 2012

SELF PERFORMED: 64%

The Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is an iconic symbol of the Traverse City region, a splendid high rise, towering above an expansive golf course, and visible across the scenic Grand Traverse Bay. It's also one of the most illustrious and luxurious getaways in northern Michigan, with a slew of shops, a restaurant with one of the finest views in town, and a five-star hotel being just a few of the attractions. Now, thanks to Team Elmer's and their numerous partners, the resort has a five-star parking lot as well.

Completed across two different phases, the project demanded a complete overhaul and reconstruction of the Grand Traverse Resort's parking lot. First, Team Elmer's was required to remove every vestige of the existing lot, including underground utilities, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. They then set about adjusting the lot layout to accommodate better traffic flow, a task that included re-planning, infrastructure installation, curb and gutter reset, and sidewalk reconstruction.

The final stages of the project involved beautification and transportation additions, both of which will make the Grand Traverse Resort an even more attractive and guest-friendly environment. Additional landscaping was implemented, including planting beds and trees, while a new bus shelter will aid guests in using Resort shuttle services to reach local attractions and entertainment.

"Thanks for all the great work you guys are doing," remarked Resort representative Rob Kalbfleisch while the project was still in progress. "I'm hearing lots of good reports from staff out there!"

Once again, Team Elmer's, with the help of numerous partners, have provided nothing but the highest standard of work. Whether the client is a small business or Traverse City's most famous and iconic resort hotel, Team Elmer's is always ready to give 100%.

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