

Kerry Kelly Biography

Candidate for Board of Directors

Kerry grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, which fuels his interest in the agricultural history of Sleeping Bear Dunes area. That may be why he enjoys mowing the fields in Port Oneida. It also motivates him to volunteer as a blacksmith in the Park's blacksmith shop in Glen Haven.

He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a BS in Chemistry in 1974 and worked as a chemist, nuclear reactor operator, and research manager at Dow Chemical. He finished his career there as a new business development director after 30 years of service.

After retirement in 2004, Kerry moved to the Traverse City area and began volunteering for the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes. His projects ranged from helping develop the park's website to Adopt-A-Beach and developing new hiking and biking trails. He prefers having a hammer in his hands to a computer at his fingertips, but he's willing to do both.

He is the Past Chairman of the Board, Manager of the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail, Manager of the Echo Valley Trail project, Manager of the Kettles Trail project.