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The regular meeting of the East Tawas Park Board was called to order by Chairman Elliott at noon on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, in the East Tawas City Park Office.

PRESENT: O'Connor, Elliott, Thunberg, Klenow, Fountain and Park Manager Frank.

ABSENT: Council Representative McMurray. **GUESTS:** Councilman Tim Freel.

Moved by Klenow, seconded by Fountain to approve bills in the amount of \$45,249.99 and to transfer \$45,249.99 from the MIA account to the O & M account. **YES:** O'Connor, Klenow, Fountain and Elliott. **NO:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Thunberg.

Moved by Klenow, seconded by Thunberg to approve the minutes of the July meeting. All ayes.

Moved by Thunberg, seconded by Klenow to receive the monthly reports from the Community Center. All ayes.

A letter was received from the East Tawas Fire Department requesting a reduced or waived fee for annual passes for their members and families so that they can use the Community Center to sustain a fitness routine to keep in shape. Moved by O'Connor, seconded by Fountain to offer a 50% reduction in Rec Pass fees to all members of the East Tawas Fire Department, the Tawas Police Authority and all full time employees of the City of East Tawas, (including full time part time employees), and their families for the 2010-11 fiscal year. **YES:** Elliott, O'Connor and Fountain. **NO:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Klenow and Thunberg.

Keith reported that this year's annual camper picnic was held this past weekend with about 120 campers and guests in attendance. The campers thanked the board and staff for their assistance with the event.

Keith informed the board that although he was now back to work, Henry Proper would need to have another surgery on his eye in March, 2011.

Keith reported that the leaf vacuum used by the park for the past twenty-five or so years is in need of replacement. He has identified the make and model of a vacuum needed to replace it and acquired prices from the two Michigan dealers that handle it. The price from John Deere Landscaping (Lesco) in Lansing was \$3,303.63 and the price from Card Equipment in Twining was \$3,149.00. Moved by Thunberg, seconded by Klenow to purchase the Trac-Vac model

2116 truck loader leaf vac from Card Equipment Company. **YES:** O'Connor, Thunberg, Fountain, Elliott and Klenow. **NO:** None.

The board received a request from Julie Wallace of 308 Lakewood Drive, East Tawas to operate a hot dog wagon at the East Tawas ball fields during weekday game nights. The wagon is 6' x 6' with fresh and gray water holding tanks and can be self powered by a generator. Ms. Wallace proposes to pay the park \$15.00/day for use of space, \$20.00/day if power is provided. Moved by O'Connor, seconded by Fountain to allow Julie Wallace to operate a hot dog concession wagon at Durant Park during the 2011 adult softball weekday game nights only, with operation at Bolen or Dillon park to require separate approvals. Said approval contingent upon Ms. Wallace obtaining all necessary licenses and insurances. **YES:** Elliott, Thunberg, Fountain, Klenow and O'Connor. **NO:** None.

Moved by Thunberg, seconded by O'Connor to approve a \$50.00 Dillon Park rental fee refund to Cindy Parnicky who had to cancel their event due to a sudden death in the family. **YES:** O'Connor, Fountain, Elliott, Klenow and Thunberg. **NO:** None.

Councilman Freel was at the meeting to discuss the possibility of allowing dogs on the park beach. With there being no "dog friendly" beaches in the Tawas area, he wondered what the reasoning was behind the rule of not allowing dogs on the park beach. He indicated that there are many resort communities that allow dogs on their beaches with enforceable ordinances regulating this use. He asked the board to consider allowing dogs on the park beach and he said he would also be willing to donate his time to draft an ordinance to regulate it if the board chose to do so. Following much discussion it was moved by O'Connor, seconded by Fountain to allow dogs on the park beach in a designated 200' area on the extreme west end of the Day Use Area. **YES:** Elliott, O'Connor, Klenow, Thunberg and Fountain. **NO:** None.

The Board approved the donation of a campsite again this year for 3 Disciplines Racing while they are in town to put on the Triathlon. The Board also approved the use of a separate tent on the site by the group for the weekend.

Keith reported that he and Ron met with Adrin Wagner from Rural Development last Tuesday regarding the Park's grant application for a new truck. He said that our application was eligible for funding and that it has been submitted to Washington with all of the other eligible projects from the region. He said it's just a matter of time before they get down to our application. It could be next month or it could be next year. He encouraged us to submit the formal application as soon as possible. Keith told the board that a required public hearing for the application has been scheduled for August 16 at the City Council meeting. The board thought that we should wait a while longer to see if the grant is awarded and authorized Keith to submit the formal application and other necessary forms following the public hearing.

The Board picked the final eight photos for the collage for Jim Bolen. Keith will have the photo's cropped before having them printed.

The Board discussed the Jim Bolen memorial in Harbor Park. They would like to have a brick paver pathway leading up to the area where the bench will be mounted. They also would like Keith to look into the possibility of mounting the bench and then having brick pavers installed around it.

Discussion was held concerning the construction of a new softball field at Durant Park. After inspecting the staked out area proposed for the field (west of the pavilion) the board decided that they did not like it in that area because of the closeness to the pavilion. Keith informed the board that, without obtaining permits and filling some of the area west of the old hockey rink, there really wasn't enough room to put a field in anywhere else. It was the decision of the board to discontinue plans for a new field at this time.

The board reviewed the monthly cash flow analysis prepared by Keith and included in their packet.

Keith reported that the new induction bulbs had been installed in all of the Day Use Area lights and there were many positive comments on the increased light. He will have St. James try a couple of the induction bulbs on the bike path when they become available as well.

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Camper Days for July:	4737	4955
Camper Days to Date:	21,304	21,363

Moved by Fountain, seconded by Elliott to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. All ayes.

Keith Frank
Park Manager