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**June 10, 2010  
(Corrected Minutes)**

The regular meeting of the East Tawas Park Board was called to order by Chairman Elliott at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2010, in the East Tawas City Park Office.

**PRESENT:** O'Connor, Elliott, Thunberg, Klenow, Fountain, Council Representative McMurray and Park Manager Frank. **ABSENT:** None.

Chairman Elliott opened the meeting by welcoming new board member Sue Fountain.

Moved by Klenow, seconded by Thunberg to approve bills in the amount of \$39,350.37 and to transfer \$39,350.37 from the MIA account to the O & M account. **YES:** O'Connor, Klenow, Fountain and Elliott. **NO:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Thunberg.

Moved by Thunberg, seconded by O'Connor to approve the minutes of the May meeting. All ayes.

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

Keith reported that ping pong continues to go strong at the Community Center with over twenty people participating last week. The board felt that, if it continues to remain so popular, they would consider allowing the group to use half of the gym floor to play on in the future. They will watch to see how it goes throughout the summer.

Keith reported that Dale Proconier is finalizing his proposal for security cameras at the Community Center. He is trying to get an estimate on the amount of wire needed. Dale did provide a proposal to replace three of the four Waterfront security cameras with new infra-red cameras. The proposal was \$612.00 for the cameras and labor. Moved by Klenow, seconded by Thunberg to have Dale replace three of the four cameras at the waterfront with new infra-red cameras at 520 lines of resolution for \$612.00. **YES:** O'Connor, Fountain, Thunberg, Elliott and Klenow. **NO:** None.

Keith informed the board that the City has received "no objections" from the MDNRE to fill a 50' x 80' area at the Community Center.

The board learned that Memorial Day weekend at the park was on par with the past several

years. Eight sites were vacant over the weekend. Keith reported that even though revenues in May were down about \$3,600.00 from last year, year to date revenues are up from last year as are the month of June's month to date revenues.

Jerry Nunn and Julius Muller were at the meeting to request board support for a "Haunted Waters Festival" that will run throughout the summer, culminating on September 25. The festival will be a juried art display sponsored by InfoNortheast.com and the Sunrise Art Center. It will be an outside sculpture contest with a sea serpent theme. The sculptures will be made of welded scrap metal. Organizers are requesting to use public property to display some of the sculptures throughout the summer where they will be visible to the public. Keith stated that Harbor Park, although a logical choice, would not work as there are too many festivals in the park in the summer. He thought perhaps somewhere at the Community Center or basketball courts would work better. The board asked Jerry for more information on the sculptures and other communities that have similar events before they make a final decision.

Keith reported that the Kite Festival last Saturday though small, was a huge success. Over 140 kite kits were given away to children to make their own kite. Keith told the board that the park was paying for the 140 kite kits (\$1.00 each), the Kite Festival Banner (\$40.00) and the thank you ad for the newspaper (\$55.00). This total comes out to \$10.00 less than the Park Board appropriated in April to be spent on the project.

Keith requested the board consider changing the dates of the July and September meetings. He said the first of the month is on a Thursday in July and Wednesday in September. With the holidays being on the first weekend of each of those months, it will be difficult to get all the bills in on time for the regular meeting day on the second Thursday. The board set new meeting dates of July 15 and September 16 for their regular meetings in those months.

Keith reported that he has not received a response to his response to USDA Rural Development regarding a request for a grant to purchase a new park truck. The board said they would wait another month to see if they hear anything. If not, we would pursue outright purchase on our own.

The board discussed memorials for Jim Bolen. Keith showed the board pictures of granite benches provided through John Bolen. Keith suggested a black granite bench with laser engraving be purchased in Jim's memory. He also proposed locating it in Harbor Park at the top of the small hill, just past the playground structure, between the two existing cedar trees. He also suggested a concrete slab be poured to mount the bench on with a sidewalk leading to the bench. The board thought this was a good idea and location and asked Keith to continue to pursue it.

The board ~~also~~ discussed the possibility of building a small youth softball field at Durant Park ~~in Jim's honor~~. The field would be located next to the pavilion in the old public skating rink location. Keith told the board that there have been many requests over the past several years for such a field and, if one was to be made, he was aware of possible monetary and equipment and labor donations that would be contributed to the project. The board asked Keith to try to come up with some actual figures as to what such a field might cost.

The board discussed the new induction light bulb that St. James Electric had installed in the

park streetlight outside of the park office. The bulb uses the same amount of energy to operate as LED lighting, but it the cost is about \$500.00 cheaper per bulb. The board felt that the white light provided by the bulb would be too bright to put in the campground. However, they felt it would be good in the Day-Use Area and parking lot. Keith said he was waiting for additional information on the bulbs from St. James and would report back for further instruction as to whether to have them installed or not.

A thank you was received from Kiteman Jack's, thanking Keith and the staff for all of their assistance with the Kite Festival.

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Camper Days for May:	5316	5060
Camper Days to Date:	11,373	11,436

Moved by Fountain, seconded by Klenow to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. All ayes.

Keith Frank  
Park Manager