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**April 12, 2010**

The regular meeting of the East Tawas Park Board was called to order by Vice Chairman Elliott at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2010, in the East Tawas City Park Office.

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

Vice Chairman Elliott opened the meeting with a moment of silence in honor of Jim Bolen, honoring him and his 44 years of service and dedication to the City of East Tawas and the East Tawas City Park.

Discussion was held in regard to electing a new Board Chairman. Moved by O'Connor, seconded by Klenow to elect Mark Elliott as the new Park Board Chairman. All ayes.

Following the election of Elliott, it was moved by Klenow, seconded by Elliott to elect John O'Connor as the Vice Chairman. All ayes.

Moved by Klenow, seconded by O'Connor to approve bills in the amount of \$68,071.27 and to transfer \$68,071.27 from the MIA account to the O & M. **YES:** Thunberg, Klenow, O'Connor, and Elliott. **NO:** None.

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

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

Keith presented a request from Terry Robinson, a local resident, who would like to try to start a table tennis club in the area. He met with Keith this week and they looked at a room in the Community Center. Keith recommended that the board allow the use of the Multi-Purpose room free of charge one night a week for the month of May with the stipulation that any participants must have a recreation passes. Keith felt that this would allow enough time to see if there was any interest in the sport. Mr. Robinson would provide the tables and equipment so there would be no cost to the City. Moved by Klenow, seconded by Thunberg to allow this use based on Keith's recommendation. **YES:** O'Connor, Elliott, Thunberg and Klenow. **NO:** None.

A request was made by New Hope Church to hold a youth volleyball camp at the Community Center on July 19-22 from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Moved by Klenow, seconded by O'Connor to allow the use of the facility for \$30.00 for the first hour and \$20.00 for each successive hour for the four day event. The Church must also provide proof of liability insurance naming the City as an additional insured. **YES:** Klenow, Thunberg, O'Connor and Elliott. **NO:** None.

The board reviewed a request from the East Tawas Assembly of God Church to hold a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on the outside courts at Bolen Park on July 10. Keith reported that this was about the only date that the Community Center is not rented out for a wedding and therefore should not present a parking conflict. Moved by O'Connor, seconded by Thunberg to allow the Assembly of God Church to hold the tournament provided they provide proof of liability insurance naming the City as an additional insured. All ayes.

Moved by O'Connor, seconded by Thunberg to take out a \$25.00 ad in the annual Quota Club Gourmet Delights program. **YES:** Elliott, Thunberg, Klenow and O'Connor. **NO:** None.

A request was received from Sue Powell requesting permission to hold a weekly classic car show in Harbor Park this summer. She and her husband belong to a club and they have been putting on weekly shows for the past several years. Last year's event was held at Patty's Kountry Kitchen. After discussion, Keith and the board were concerned on the wear and tear that a weekly car show would have on the grass in the park. Keith offered to check with Chuck Allen at the State Park to see if there would be a possibility of holding the car show in the DNR Harbor Parking lot. The show would be on a weeknight so there might be a possibility that there would be room to accommodate the show if Chuck were to approve.

Keith reported that Freedom Fest will be moving to Tawas City from Harbor Park this summer.

The board was asked to review the placement of the K of C Fish Fry sign in Harbor Park. The group has been placing it there throughout the Lenten season this year. This use was never approved by the board. For this reason, the board felt the issue should be turned back over to the City to be handled by the zoning administrator. The park board does not want to see Harbor Park turned into a billboard or sign area for the community.

The board turned down advertising requests from Huron Shores Magazine and the Elks Club Golf Scramble for 2010.

Discussion turned to making a recommendation as to Jim Bolen's replacement on the park board. Several names were discussed. Chairman Elliott would like to personally talk to the people that were suggested at the meeting to see if they would be interested in serving. The Park Board is requesting that Council take no official action on Jim's replacement until they are able to make a recommendation at the May meeting.

The board approved a request from the 126<sup>th</sup> U. S. Army Band to perform a free concert in Harbor Park on July 21 or 22.

Keith informed the board that final determination on their Rural Development grant for a new truck is supposed to be made in about three weeks.

Moved by Thunberg, seconded by O'Connor to give the Tawas Bay Players approval to proceed with their proposed backstage project to complete their make-up room and install a

restroom backstage for the actors and crew.

The board reviewed the Seasonal Employee Quarterly Hours report presented by Keith. The report shows an increase of 84 hours compared to last year. Keith explained that this was due mostly to the above average April weather. He called a couple of workers back early to get the park cleaned up before Easter to take advantage of the 60-70 degree weather. There were also some hours needed while Keith was off recuperating from surgery.

The board received the monthly cash flow report and a copy of Mike Reed's letter of resignation from the Museum.

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Camper Days for March:	310	477
Camper Days to Date:	2406	2660

Moved by Thunberg, seconded by Elliott to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. All ayes.

Keith Frank  
Park Manager