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**July 9, 2009**

The regular meeting of the East Tawas Park Board was held on Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 4:20 p.m. in the East Tawas City Park Office.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Bolen, O'Connor, Elliott and Park Manager Frank. **ABSENT:** Thunberg, Klenow and Council Representative Cano (all excused).

Moved by O'Connor, seconded by Bolen to excuse Thunberg, Klenow and Council Representative Cano from today's meeting. All ayes.

Moved by O'Connor, seconded by Bolen to pay bills in the amount of \$45,316.87 and to transfer \$45,316.87 from the MIA account to the O & M account. **YES:** O'Connor, Bolen and Elliott. **NO:** None.

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

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

Moved by Elliott, seconded by O'Connor to approve a one hour curfew extension for the Mertz wedding at the Community Center on August 22. All ayes.

Keith reported that he had been contacted by the grandfather of Amber Finnell in regard to the planting of a tree in her memory. Keith has picked out a couple of locations and will meet with the family to make arrangements.

Moved by Elliott, seconded by O'Connor to purchase three boxes of Koegel hot dogs from Klenow's for the annual customer appreciation picnic scheduled for August 15 in the Waterfront pavilion. **YES:** Bolen, O'Connor and Elliott. **NO:** None.

Keith reported that the campers have organized a twice monthly golf scramble at area golf courses. The courses are offering special rates to the campers for the event. The first scramble was on July 2 with sixteen campers attending.

The board reviewed the seasonal employee quarterly hours report prepared by Julie and presented by Keith. The report shows that hours for the park seasonal employee's are down 388 hours from 2008.

Keith informed the board that he received a request on Wednesday from Kim Blust to move

Relay for Life back to Bolen Park in 2010. She was also requesting that the Community Center be made available in the event of foul weather. Keith is to check with her to see what is actually meant by keeping the Community Center available. It was the feeling of the board that if they want the Center left open all night, they would have to be charged at least for the employee costs for doing so. Keith will report back next month.

Keith reported that so far Freedom Week was going quite smoothly. His only concern was with the number of vehicles driving in and out of the site on a daily basis. Large crowds were in attendance both Saturday and Sunday with smaller crowds so far this week.

The board reviewed the monthly cash flow analysis presented by Keith.

The board discussed the possibility of filling in the low area between the #2 ball field and the old hockey rink site at Durant Park. The low area is used for drainage for the ball field but harbors many mosquitoes and other insects. The board was considering the possibility of clearing the low area and putting a drain tube in to drain the water to the north end of the park where the area currently drains. Chairman Bolen looked at the site and estimated it would cost \$19,000.00 to remove the trees and stumps, till up and remove the top soil, install a sock covered drain pipe, fill the area to existing grade with sand, replace the top soil and hydro seed. The sand would be taken from the pile behind the community center. If this project were to be completed, the board would look at putting a small pee-wee size ball field on the site of the old hockey rink. The board authorized Keith to see if any permits would be needed from the DEQ before making a final decision.

The board received a thank you note from Tawas Village for allowing them to use some of the old banquet tables for their recent rummage sale.

	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
Camper Days for June:	5489	5194
Camper Days to Date:	16,667	16,567

Moved by O'Connor, seconded by Elliott to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Keith Frank  
Park Manager