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The regular meeting of the East Tawas Park Board was held on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in the East Tawas City Park Office.

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

Moved by Elliott, seconded by Thunberg to pay bills in the amount of \$19,096.39 and to transfer \$19,096.39 from the MIA account to the O & M account. **YES:** Thunberg, O'Connor, and Elliott. **NO:** None.

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

Jamie Carruthers from Stephenson, Gracik presented the annual park audit. Following her presentation it was moved by Thunberg, seconded by O'Connor to approve the audit as presented. All ayes.

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

The board approved a request to allow volleyball on one court at the Community Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights, a change from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Keith reported that Bob Koenig from the Sheriff's Department contacted him to let him know that the recommendation to sell their old surveillance cameras to the City for \$1.00 had passed committee and now had to be approved by the full Board of Commissioners at their February 17 meeting.

The board discussed the generator grant for the Community Center. It was the feeling of the board that we should investigate a natural gas generator before making any final decision. This would eliminate the need for diesel fuel storage and would also be cleaner and possibly easier to operate and require less maintenance. The board said they would wait to see the final project cost before making a definite decision on their contribution to the project.

Keith reported that he met with Wayne Kendziorski from Alpena Paper & Supply regarding a new floor scrubber for the Community Center. A new Clark Focus II Boost machine would cost \$5,856.00 and would do the gym floor in half the time of our ten year old model. Keith told

Wayne to check to see if there were any additional government discounts such as Michigan Deal, etc. Wayne will get back to Keith next week.

Keith reported that the office has been receiving some negative feedback from campers regarding this year's rate increase of .50 cents per night, both from summer and winter campers. But with expenses increasing, the board felt the increase was justified.

Keith reported that Perchville went well with about the same amount of campground business as last year. He also reported that since there were no DPW workers working the weekend, the two outside park workers spent a total of 8.5 hours each downtown over the weekend moving barricades, cones and picking up garbage. The board was concerned that the workers were gone from the park too much and wanted Keith to talk to Ron in regard to future festival weekends and holidays.

Keith asked the board if they were interested in trying some LED retrofit kits on the bike path lights. They are the same kits that will be installed in the downtown and Waterfront lights through the LED grant recently awarded the City. Keith indicated that Kendall Electric had a try four program. You could try four of the kits for 60 days and if you don't like them, return them and not owe anything. Two drawbacks are the installation cost of \$150.00 - \$200.00 per light and the fact that, once installed, the top half of the globe on the light would be dark since the lights would shine down from the middle of the globe. The board thought they would like to wait and try one or two of the kits when they are being installed at the Waterfront to see how they work on the bike path.

Moved by O'Connor, seconded by Thunberg to contribute \$100.00 to Project Graduation advertising again this year as in past years. **YES:** O'Connor, Elliott and Thunberg. **NO:** None.

The board reviewed and approved the final specifications for the new park truck. Keith said he is going to wait to hear back from Rural Development to find out if the truck would qualify for a grant before proceeding with bid advertising.

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

A thank you from WEYI-TV was received for advertising with them for Perchville. Keith told the board that he has already received two calls requesting information on the park from people who saw the ad.

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Camper Days for January:	426	309
Camper Days to Date:	1819	1766

Moved by Thunberg, seconded by O'Connor to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Keith Frank
Park Manager