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**June 11, 2009**

The regular meeting of the East Tawas Park Board was held on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the East Tawas City Park Office.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Bolen, Thunberg, O'Connor ( arrived at 4:22 p.m.), Elliott (left at 4:22 p.m.), Klenow, Council Representative Cano and Park Manager Frank. **ABSENT:** None.

Moved by Bolen, seconded by Klenow to pay bills in the amount of \$42,437.09 and to transfer \$42,437.09 from the MIA account to the O & M account. **YES:** Klenow, Bolen and Elliott. **NO:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Thunberg.

Moved by Bolen, seconded by Thunberg to approve the minutes of the May meeting. All ayes.

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

The board discussed the current pavilion rental policy. Mark indicated that he had several people complain about the current policy which is that: requests for reservations are taken beginning on January 1 of each year and are tentative reservations until May 1. The reason for this policy is to allow the local adult and youth softball/baseball leagues to schedule their summer tournaments. Most of the schedules for state tournament play (ASA and Little League) are not set until mid or late April. The policy allows the local community to host these tournaments. On May 1 all persons holding a tentative reservation are contacted and the reservation becomes confirmed or, in the event of a conflict, the reservation is changed to a different date. The complaint is that by not getting a confirmed reservation until May 1, persons wishing to schedule graduation parties for the end of May basically only have one month to do so. Keith told the board that he is only aware of one time where a conflict occurred and the conflict was identified in early April and was avoided. He also indicated that he has only had one person complain about the existing policy. That person has made his complaint twice (once upon the graduation of each of his two daughters.) Following discussion, the board felt that the policy was fair and well founded and no changes were made.

(O'Connor arrived, Elliott left).

The board reviewed the proposed lease agreement with the high school for use of the Community Center gym for next year. Council Representative Cano recommended that since the school does not use the gym for spring sports, the contract only be drawn up to April 1 (end of the high school basketball season.) Keith and the board agreed with the

recommendation and Keith will contact the Athletic Director regarding the ending date.

Keith reported that the Kite Festival held May 30 and 31 was successful on Saturday, but not so much on Sunday. Things were really bustling on Saturday until the storm blew up in the afternoon and the crowds dispersed. They never really did come back in the same numbers. It is unsure at this time if the Bay City Times will want to run the event next year or not.

Keith reported that Waterfront Patrols were in place for Memorial Day weekend and are now in full swing as of June 8, the last day of school. So far, there has been little activity during the afternoons, so workers are pulled back into the campground to mow or trim and they go back and check the area every half hour or so. Keith said he expected things to pick up in the next week or so when the weather warms up.

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

The board reviewed the schedule of events presented for this year's Freedom Fest. They thought it was a good schedule. Keith will check to be sure that all insurances are in place next week.

The board received a thank you letter from the local Audubon Society for the use of one of the mezzanine rooms at the Community Center for their birding fest meetings. Keith said he has received three separate phone calls from members of the group calling to thank the park personally.

	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
Camper Days for May:	4410	5316
Camper Days to Date:	11,178	11,373

Moved by Bolen, seconded by Thunberg to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Keith Frank  
Park Manager