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The regular meeting of the East Tawas Park Board was called to order by Chairman Elliott at noon on Thursday, July 15, 2010, in the East Tawas City Park Office.

PRESENT: O'Connor, Elliott, Thunberg, Klenow, Fountain, Council Representative McMurray (12:27 p.m.) and Park Manager Frank. **ABSENT:** None. **GUESTS:** Brad Schaaf, Schaaf & Associates Construction.

Moved by Klenow, seconded by Elliott to approve bills in the amount of \$49,392.42 and to transfer \$49,392.42 from the MIA account to the O & M account. **YES:** Thunberg, O'Connor, Klenow, Fountain and Elliott. **NO:** None.

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

Brad Schaaf from Schaaf & Associates Construction was at the meeting to discuss construction of a proposed youth softball field at Durant Park. Brad has been working with Keith to come up with estimated costs for the project. Brad indicated that he is willing to donate his time and equipment to build the field. He also indicated that much of the material needed will be donated also. Brad stated that the rough estimate for construction of the field, with the donations, is approximately \$25,500.00. In order to build the field, permission to fill a small area next to the tractor garage is required from the DNR. Doug Morse will be here next Thursday to meet with Keith and Brad. If permission is given, the area will be staked out so the board can see exactly where everything will go before rendering a final decision to proceed or not.

Council Representative McMurray arrived at 12:27 p.m.

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

Moved by Thunberg, seconded by Fountain to approve an extension to 1:00 a.m. for the Jacques wedding at the Community Center on August 14. All ayes.

Keith reported that the Community Center has been booked for a wedding on New Years Eve. This will require bringing people in on New Years Day morning to do cleanup which will require paying them overtime according to our current policy.

Keith reported that the camper's annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 7 at the Harbor Park Pavilion. The park board is invited to attend.

Keith told the board that Henry Proper returned to work on July 12. He may still need to have another surgery later on but the doctor's aren't sure at this time.

The board reviewed the third quarter seasonal employee hours report. The report shows that the seasonal hours are up about 319.5 hours from last year. Keith told the board that 200 of these hours are attributable to Henry being off of work for five weeks this year because of health issues, Keith being off two weeks for surgery in the spring and the fact that the season started earlier this year with warmer than normal April temperatures. This required starting the seasonal help two to three weeks earlier than normal.

Because of schedule conflicts, the board voted to hold the August 12 meeting at noon instead of 4:00 p.m.

Keith reported that he has a meeting scheduled on July 27 with representatives from Rural Development to discuss the grant to purchase a new park truck.

The board discussed the purchase of a granite bench and construction of a "plaza" in Harbor Park in memory of Jim Bolen. Moved by Elliott, seconded by Thunberg to purchase a black granite bench at a cost of \$1,000.00 and to create a "Memorial Plaza" in Harbor Park next to the play structure in Jim's memory. **YES:** Thunberg, Fountain, Klenow, O'Connor and Elliott. **NO:** None.

The board discussed the proposed "Haunted Waters" sculpture festival. Keith reported that the latest correspondence from Jerry Nunn indicated that they would no longer need to use park property to display the sculptures.

The board reviewed the monthly cash flow analysis prepared by Keith

Moved by Klenow, seconded by Fountain to have St. James Electric install 50 watt induction bulbs in the six Day-Use area lights at a cost of \$150.00 per bulb plus \$100.00 per fixture installation for a total cost of \$1,500.00. **YES:** Thunberg, Fountain, Klenow, O'Connor and Elliott. **NO:** None.

	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>
Camper Days for June:	5194	4972
Camper Days to Date:	16,567	16,408

Moved by Thunberg, seconded by O'Connor to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. All ayes.

Keith Frank
Park Manager