



## **Parks and Recreation Commission**

November 13, 2014

Elberta Village Council  
151 Pearson St  
PO Box 8  
Elberta, MI 49628

RE: 2015 Solstice Festival

Dear Trustees,

The Parks and Recreation commission is actively considering whether to hold a Solstice Festival in 2015. We will have finalized the decision before the March 2015 Regular Council Meeting. Until then, we request that a hold be put on the Life Saving Station and Waterfront Park for June 19-21, 2014.

It has come to our attention that MCL 123.851 specifically allows cities, villages and townships to expend money for the observance of Veterans, Independence and Memorial Days and Diamond Jubilee or Centennial Celebrations. It is improper for a unit of government to expend public money for an annual picnic or other celebration that is not specifically authorized by law and does not serve a public purpose.

Therefore, if the Solstice Festival is held in 2015, it will be as a fundraiser for Village Park or Life Saving Station improvements. The Parks and Recreation Commission is reviewing the revenues and expenditures to see how much costs can be reduced and revenue increased at the Solstice Festival. The resulting budget will help determine the specific improvements we can target with the Solstice Festival Fundraiser.

Sincerely, the Elberta Parks and Recreation Commission.

cc: Village Clerk  
Kristine Mills