

August 18, 2006

Dear Homecoming Committee:

I am in receipt of your letter regarding problems with providing electricity to a vendor during homecoming. First I want to state *I* was not involved with vendors for homecoming. It was the responsibility of those who coordinated with vendors, not mine, to provide vendors with their specific electrical needs, location, etc. And, I am not responsible for any bill incurred to provide electricity to a vendor!

I talked with Gary, the vendor you are referring to in your letter. He informed me that he did not get his vendors form back to the committee until July 25 or 26 because his initial form and check that he sent back in June could not be found by Alvena. He put a stop payment on the June check and sent a new one with the form when he received it on Tuesday, July 25th. He immediately put it back in the mail and it should have gotten to the committee the next day July 26th. *Was this time enough for his electrical needs to be assessed and coordinated?*

Again, I was NOT in charge! I did not determine where he or any vendor was to set up, or what their electrical needs were. I cannot be responsible for the lack of coordination by those in charge. I think communication between the vendor and the homecoming vendor coordinators, the time frame for meeting his electrical needs, and where he was going to be located was the problem. Had he been located in a different spot, and arrangements made prior to him arriving, this problem would have never occurred.

What I arranged in June for the Jazz Festival has nothing to do with homecoming, however, what I did arrange for *WAS approved and coordinated with the Township Board*. I talked with Sharyn two weeks before the jazz festival and discussed the electrical needs for this same vendor. His electrical need for the jazz fest was a 220 electrical outlet. I called Sharyn and discussed that there were no 220 outlets on the poles. We discussed that it would make sense to put in at least two permanent ones, on two different poles. Prairie Land Electric had suggested after discussing the many electrical outlets on the other poles, that the center pole in the park and the pole where KU has their electrical box would work for adding an 220 outlet. I told Sharyn that I would like it put on the KU pole because I didn't want the vendor located in the center of the park where people would be sitting, and she agreed that I could have it installed on the KU pole by the road. I told her that I had talked with Brian Newell of Damar and he said he was available to come out and install it. She gave me permission to coordinate with him to do it. I told her I was only going to coordinate with him putting in just that one, and she would have to make arrangements for the second one to be installed on the center pole, and she said she would see about getting the other one installed. I specifically asked who should the bill be sent to, and she said the *Township Board*. That is what I instructed Brian Newell to do.

Regarding the KU pole – Prairie Land Electric as well as Brian Newell said that to install an the electrical outlet on the pole where KU hooks up would not interfere with their hook up at all, because it would be used separately and with its own meter. I'm not an electrician and this is what they told me and Brian did. When the festival was over I had the meter removed. When I called KU the other day to inquire about this issue, I was informed that they didn't have a problem, except they had to installed another type of outlet for the new vehicle they brought because they did not bring the big van that they usually bring.