

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at the West Shore Fishing Museum in Bailey Park, Menominee County, MI on June 3, 2013.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Vola Bleile, Ruby Ivens, Gail Jerzyk, Glenn Cody, County Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Commissioner Charlie Meintz. There was a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

Approval of agenda: A motion was made by Charlie and seconded by Vola. The motion carried.

Minutes: Glenn offered a correction to the minutes from the previous meeting in the public comment section. The trees that camper Mickey Plautz would like to see replaced were in the pavilion area, not in the camping section of the park. A motion was made by Charlie to approve the minutes from the last meeting that was seconded by Gail. The motion carried.

Public Comment:

Eileen Behrend, president of the Bailey Property Preservation Association, welcomed the committee to the West Shore Fishing Museum. She reported that the plant sale, a fund-raiser for the association, was doing well. She also expressed her appreciation for the help she receives from Menominee County Parks and Recreation employee Jim Quist.

Business:

- a. **Park Ranger / Park Manager Updates:** Brian reported that one of the lawnmowers had caught fire while in use. There were no injuries, but the engine of the mower had been completely destroyed. Bob suggested that fire extinguishers be installed on all mowers and in all trucks that belonged to the parks.
- b. **Monthly Budget Review:** Brian distributed copies of the latest budget for the board's perusal and comment. He reported that the bottom-line remains fine; income and expenditures were in line for this time of year. He also expressed his belief that there will be a surplus at the end of the year. Several members of the committee requested clarification of a few items which Brian provided.
- c. **Park Projects / Grants:** Brian reported that the concrete floors had been sealed at the new bathhouse in Shakey Lakes Park. In addition, the molding and barriers had been installed. The second plumbing inspection should be completed shortly, and he is also awaiting a final inspection of the drain field. Concerning the status of the grant application for improvements at the Stoney Point Boat launch, the DNR has requested a map of the area that indicates the precise location of the projected improvements. The 2 % Grant with the Hannahville Indian Community was denied.

- d. **Lease Program / Camping Update:** Brian reported that there were still three long-term campsites available. One former long-term camper at Kleinke Park has been banned from the parks until further notice.
- e. **Parks Website/Advertisements:** Brian announced that invoices were mailed out to businesses that had requested advertising slots on the Menominee County Parks and Recreation Department website. So far, only ten of the thirty businesses contacted have submitted payment.

Correspondence: None

Any Other Items Members Wish to Present: Brian mentioned that the areas to be paved around the Shakey Lakes Bath House and campsite #86 were already staked out. It was uncertain whether or not bids were required to select a contractor. Eileen Behrend discussed the on-going problems with the well at the West Shore Fishing Museum; the quality of the water has not passed inspection. She stressed the need for a new well and a septic system. Bob suggested that the current well be inspected by a reputable contractor to ascertain whether an entirely new well is really needed. Eileen also reported that she and her staff were in the process of creating a substantial archive of historical information from the area.

Glenn offered a motion that was seconded by Charlie to express the committee's appreciation to the staff of the West Shore Fishing Museum for their warm hospitality and refreshments. The motion carried.

Charlie offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Vola. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody