

# Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Bob Desjarlais at the Bailey Park, West Shore Fishing Museum on July 5, 2011.

Reporting for roll call were: Gail Jerzyk, Bob Desjarlais, Vola Bleile, Ruby Ivens, Glenn Cody, County Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Commissioners Charlie Meintz and Mark Jasper. There was a quorum present to conduct the meeting. Al Thompson, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, also attended the meeting.

Approval of agenda: Motion was made by Mark and seconded by Ruby. The motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meetings on June 5, 2011 were approved. Charlie made the motion that was seconded by Glenn. The motion carried.

**Public Comment:** One long term camper from Klenke Park objected to the metal pins in the new horseshoe pits. She noted that they could be dangerous to children playing in the area. Al commented that the pits were constructed according to regulation. The same camper requested that vents be installed in the restrooms at Klenke Park. Al responded that they were to be installed the following week.

### Business:

- a. **Discussion of Camp Training:** Earlier this year, Ruby attended a host camp training seminar that is required for all host campers at state-run campgrounds. She enumerated the various duties and responsibilities of host campers at state campgrounds, and suggested that the committee consider establishing a host-camper position for Klenke Park. Several campers at the meeting expressed their objection to this suggestion. They said that they didn't think it was necessary, especially considering the small number of campers there during the week. Glenn suggested that the host camper from Wells Park be invited to an upcoming meeting as a way for the committee to gather more information.
- b. **Park Office Manager/Park Ranger Updates:** Despite concerns regarding the enforcement of the new fireworks ban, it was reported that all went well over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend. There were no citations issued and no complaints from the campers were received regarding the new policy. Charlie made a motion to offer complimentary campsites on holiday weekends to deputies at both Klenke and Shakey Lakes Park. Vola seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c. **Budget-monthly review** Brian announced that expenditures were slightly over budget in some areas, but that the bottom line remained OK.

- d. **Summer Projects and the Parks:** Brian announced that bids had been awarded at Shakey Lakes Park for the new fence and for a well and a septic system for the new bathhouse.
- e. **Equipment Purchases:** Brian reported that rather than purchase a new lawnmower that would have cost between 10,000 and 15,000 dollars, it was decided to purchase a used one from the City of Stephenson for only \$1550.00. Bob suggested that the Parks Department purchase a maintenance contract for all mowers and snow blowers from "Business on Wheels" in Daggett. He will ask the owner for a proposal to be presented at the next meeting.

Brian announced that a suitable kids' fishing dock (all aluminum and adjustable) had been located at a price of \$1795.00. Mark made a motion to approve the purchase of the dock. It was seconded by Ruby. The motion carried.

- f. **Bylaws, Park Rules Review:** Brian announced that the Board of Commissioners was considering a proposal to pay just mileage costs to the membership of committees over which they had jurisdiction.
- g. **Lease site policy and procedures:** Charlie suggested that the committee establish a parking policy especially for Shakey Lakes Park. In particular, it seems necessary to prohibit "circle parking" by groups of campers. No action was taken.
- h. **Any other matters:** Charlie suggested that the committee consider establishing a fireworks display for the campers at Shakey Lakes Park for July 4<sup>th</sup> next year. The display would be paid for by donations. Mark suggested that the committee invite the "Fireworks Guy" to one of the upcoming meetings to discuss the idea.

Ruby distributed copies of the state's guidelines concerning cottage food enterprises. According to the regulations, all food products for sale to the general public must be processed in the producer's home kitchen – not in a recreational vehicle.

Vola relayed a complaint from a recent visitor to Shakey Lakes Park. In particular, the visitor noted that the bathroom doors have no locks, there are no urinals, the toilets are dirty, the sides of the bathroom stalls are not high enough, it's a very long walk to the bathroom from the camping area, and that a weed-whacker was being operated without any safety equipment. Airport Park was also criticized for offering no restroom facilities and for neglect in general. After considerable discussion about the condition of Airport Park, Ruby made a motion to install a portable toilet facility there. Vola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Bob reported a complaint from a long-time camp patron that she was unable to secure a campsite for the weekend of the Menominee County Fair. It was suggested that a power failure at the park office on the first day that reservations were being accepted probably prevented this patron from being able to submit her request before the park became booked for the weekend. A letter of apology will be sent to the patron.

**Public Comment:** Eileen Behrend, President of the Bailey Property Preservation Association, expressed her appreciation to the committee for visiting The West Shore Fishing Museum. She also noted that the park is in need of restroom facilities. No action was taken.

There was no additional correspondence and no additional business.

The meeting was motioned to adjourn by Charlie with a second by Gail.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody