Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at Shakey Lakes Park in Menominee County, MI on September 10, 2012.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, Gail Jerzyk, Glenn Cody, and County Commissioner Mark Jasper. Al Thompson, Buildings and Ground Supervisor also attended the meeting. There was a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

Approval of agenda: A motion was made by Ruby and seconded by Gail. The motion carried.

Minutes: Glenn distributed the minutes from the previous meetings on August 1, and August 6, 2012. He asked that the committee carefully review these two documents before voting to approve them given their sensitive subject matter Ruby offered a motion to approve both sets of minutes that was seconded by Mark. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Micky Plautz offered her appreciation to the board for its efforts to improve rapport among the campers at Kleinke Park.

Business:

a. **Budget Review:** Bob distributed copies of the most recent budget for the board's perusal and comment. Ruby requested that the utilities expenditures be broken down for each of the parks. She also asked who received the storage fees listed in the document. Bob explained that the Parks and Recreation Department and the Fair Board each received a portion of this income. After the discussion, Glenn offered a motion to approve the budget that was seconded by Mark. The motion carried.

b. **Park Ranger/Park Manager Updates:** Bob asked Karen Kayser to give a brief update concerning the Labor Day Weekend at the parks. Karen then asked the board to provide clarification concerning the two days of complimentary camping that are offered each year to members of the Rescue Squad and the Volunteer Fire Department. She reported that three individuals had wondered if they could combine their three two-day passes into one six-day pass on one campsite. Bob remarked that each camper should receive a two-day pass for separate campsites only. Karen also asked for clarification concerning the number of vehicle passes issued for each campsite. Some campers had requested more than the two that are normally granted. Bob remarked that no more than two passes could be granted. The board discussed ways of enforcing this rule in the future such as by writing the license number of each vehicle on the pass, and that the pass be firmly attached to the vehicle's windshield. Al reported that ten tons of topsoil had been donated and delivered to Kleinke Park where it was used to fill in low spots on some of the campsites. Micky Plautz reported that she had been reported to the EPA by a former camper at Kleinke Park for a minor leakage of gray water from the bottom of her camper. She believed this event to be connected to some of the camper disagreements that had occurred at the park earlier this summer. Al reported that the Menominee

County Health Department had been dispatched to the scene and stated that the problem had been corrected.

c. **Park Deputy Program:** Bob announced that there was no current information concerning the program accept that Brian had expressed his support of its continuation next year.

d. **Projects:** Menominee County Building Inspector Dan Menacher reported on the progress on the new bathhouse at Shakey Lakes Park. He noted that the project was more or less finished except for the installation of toilet stall partitions, the furnace and asphalt around the outside of the structure. Bob wondered whether the committee should consider designating and outfitting one or more sites that would comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Al and Karen both stated that each park needed no more than just one of these sites. Ruby suggested that the board consult the regulations before taking any action. Mark suggested that the asphalt for these campsites be installed at the same time as the asphalt for the new bathhouse. Bob reported that the grant application for River Park had been approved.

e. **Park Website:** Bob reported that the new website was up and running, but he wondered who will be responsible for updating it.

f. **Park Meeting Schedule/Times:** Bob announced that the meeting on October 1, 2012 would begin at 7:00 pm.

g. **Kleinke Park:** Bob reported that the campers evicted at the previous meeting had left the park without incident. In addition, one other camper had decided to vacate as well.

h. **Lease Program/Lease Policies and Procedures:** The board briefly discussed the pros and cons of amending the long-term lease program. No action was taken.

i. **Park Rules:** The board received an updated copy of the latest park rules for comment and possible amendment. Karen Kayser suggested that the rules contain a prohibition of generators on rustic campsites. Micky Plautz wondered how long-term campers might be encouraged to turn off their air-conditioning units when vacating the park for one or more days. Further discussion of the rules including a limit on long-term camping was tabled until the next meeting.

There was no correspondence.

Any Other Items Members Wish to Present: None

Public Comment: None

Ruby offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Gail. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody