

MENOMINEE COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES July 6, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Bob Desjarlais at the Annex in Stephenson, MI.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
3. **Reporting for roll call were:** County Administrator Jason Carviou, Dick Peterson, Kathy Branz, Bob Desjarlais, Mike Kass, County Commissioners Bill Cech and Larry Phelps. Excused was Vola Bleile. Others in attendance were Karen Kayser and Zak Aubert.
4. **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Bill Kass to approve the Agenda supported by Dick Peterson. All were in favor.
5. **Minutes:** Bill Cech made a motion to accept the June 1, 2020 minutes supported by Mike Kass with all in favor.
6. **Public Comments:** Zak Aubert from Wind Rose North Outfitters informed the board that there was a Kayak Angler's Tournament at Shakey Lakes on June 27th. This tournament was sponsored by Wind Rose North Outfitters and an angler's group from Escanaba via Jonathan Pepin. There were 12 to 15 anglers that participated. Next year they would like to do the same thing but with advanced planning. Zak gave them Jason as a contact, advising them to start 3 months in advance, so local businesses and additional anglers would be aware of the upcoming event.

Zak also stated he spend 4 hrs on Sat and 4 hrs on Sunday at Kleinke Park. There is a great opportunity to do a brown trout tournament there.

Bill Cech thanked Zak for using Shakey Lakes, looking at other opportunities and for putting on these tournaments.

7. **Business:**

- a. **Review Financials/Budget** – Jason stated we are up about \$18,000 overall but have to issue approximately \$10,000 in refunds for the leases in May. We will not be getting any Fair receipts this year but the daily and annual campground passes are up. Karen stated the weekends have been booked with a waiting list. Bob asked Karen how the future looked and she stated we are booked and the 25th had a few sites left.

Karen is composing a letter for the refunds and Jason will review it/add to it before it is sent out.

Dick stated Jim and Karen are doing a great job on handling the increase in campers.

- b. **Electric at Bailey – update:** Jason checked with Noreen Johnson, the museum is not open and this will carry over into next year.
- c. **On line reservations – (Mike Kass):** Mike and Jason were on the phone today with the company we are going with. They will have a presentation/demo at our August or September meeting. The set up for the program takes 2-3 weeks.

Some of the issues we have to address is how to do the reservations – full year, 6 months out (January do May-June, etc.) lease sites due March 1st or due earlier, payment due at time of registration is a must. Kleinke do the same as Shakey or 1st come 1st served. State which sites can have reservations and which are left open for stop in renters? Any suggestions will be considered in the near future. Bill suggested open registration and we could be filled up for the season by April. All registrations will be done with a credit card, a \$10 registration fee, and will be deposited in our account the next day

- d. **Kayak Launch Mason Park (Larry Phelps)** – on hold.
- e. **Parks Ordinance Review:** On hold until after the budget – late fall.
- f. **Bailey Park, Kleinke and Shakey Lakes** – Stump Removal: Jason received the quotes today (July 6th). They are tractor specific. Most are around \$5,000 and our grant was for \$6,000. Larry stated we still need safety gear and may need some parts to mount the grinder. Jason stated the stumps will be removed this fall.
- g. **Stoney Point and Bailey Rip Rap project:** Stoney Point is being looked at by an Engineering firm and a survey is being done. When the specs are in place the work will be put out on bids. At Bailey, the flag pole will be taken down and moved to a new site in the future.
- h. **Truck pull Shakey Lakes:** A day or season pass will be required to enter the park. Those doing the truck pull will be charging admission, which does not affect the Parks. Our revenue will be obtained from the passes and camping fees.
- i. **Proposed Budget 2020-21:** Jason sent out a proposed budget for 2020-2021. Park improvements have been moved to next year. Jason would like to do the schedule so Mike Sieg does patrol on Friday and Saturday nights. He will do mowing at all parks except Shakey Lakes with the help of summer students. Jason still has to work out some details on this.

The Fair Board will have their own budget and no longer be a part of the Parks. The revenue from the Fair (approximately \$11,500) will no longer be a part of our income, but the cost of the fair (\$10,000) will also come out of our budget. Some of the accounts were labeled differently to identify what they are used for (DEQ Permits will be Permits/fees/licenses/inspections – Professional Contractual Services will be Portable Toilet Rentals – etc.). The proposed budget will be finalized and in place October 1, 2020.

- 8. **Correspondence:** Jason has received a lot of calls regarding the high water issue at Shakey Lakes. Jason checked with EGLE and the Menominee County Road Commission is responsible for the dam as they pulled the permits. Another issue he has been contacted on is a no wake zone – after much discussion it was decided to “NO STANCE” for the Parks or County.

Jason also stated the Menominee County Parks Face Book Page was deleted by Facebook as it needed a more specific administrator (someone’s name). Mike will look into reinstating this.

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- 9. Any other item Members Wish to Present:** Jason everyone to think about having bi-monthly meetings instead of every month. He did not have a problem with the monthly meetings but would not be able to attend everyone.
- 10. Public Comment:** None.
- 11. Adjournment** – Motion by Bill Cech to adjourn supported by Mike Kass with all in favor at 7:48 PM
- 12. Next meeting** will be at Airport Park, Menominee, MI. on August 3, 2020 at 6 P.M. (Due to COVID 19 meeting place may be moved – to be announced).

Submitted by,

Kathy Branz, Secretary

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