

MENOMINEE COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES JUNE 1, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Bob Desjarlais at the Menominee County Court House, Court Room B, Menominee 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.
4. **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Bill Cech to approve the Agenda supported by Dick Peterson with the correction of COVA being COVID19. All were in favor.
5. **Minutes:** Bill Cech made a motion to accept the March 2, 2020 minutes supported by Larry Phelps with all in favor.
6. **Public Comments:** None
7. **Business:**
 - a. **Review Financials/Budget** – Jason stated one to two months of refunds have to be issued, depending on extension of dates. There will be one month refund for Kleinke and one for Shakey Lakes. One full lease asked for a refund for the 2020 camping season.

The facilities maintenance amount includes repairs on the bathhouse from when it was hit last season. There will be insurance money coming in to cover this expense. A savings on the garbage as Jason delayed the start date.

Weekly reservations started today and they were very active. The rules were changed so whoever called could make all of their reservations on one call.

Jason also announced that the Menominee County Fair was cancelled.

A motion by Mike Kass to accept the financials supported by Dick. All were in favor.
 - b. **Electrical at Bailey Update** – At this time no one had any information on this project..
 - c. **On line reservations – (Mike Kass):** Mike reported he had information that he would be meeting with Jason within the next few weeks to go over. The account managers for the on line reservations will be Karen Kayser, Jason Carviou, and Sherry DuPont. There will be a reservation fee, credit card charge and a monthly charge. More information available at next meeting.
 - d. **Kayak Launch Mason Park (Larry Phelps)** – Larry stated that due to the COVID 19 he is at a standstill until things open up. Very hard to ask for donations when companies are not open or just opening. It was understood that this project would be delayed due to circumstances reported that the Engineer from the firm that makes the launch will be presenting Larry with visuals. Once he has a visual of what it will look like he will be contacting businesses and individuals for donations.

- e. **Parks Ordinance Review:** Jason did receive our proposed ordinance back from the Prosecuting Attorney. There are still some discussions regarding the wording for guns in the parks. When resolved Jason is hoping to have the public hearing and get the ordinance approved late this summer.
- f. **Bailey Park, Kleinke and Shakey Lakes – Stump Removal:** Jason applied for a grant at Hannahville which was granted. The grant will cover the cost of the stump grinder. The county will be purchasing the stump grinder in the near future and is getting a generic hook up so it can be used on both tractors owned by the county.

Jason would like to purchase a trailer capable of hauling equipment where needed.

A discussion was also held on upgrading some of the pickup trucks to replace those that are no longer cost efficient due to excessive repairs.
- g. **COVID 19 – Campground update:** Due to the delay of opening the parks there will be an estimated \$5,000 to \$10,000 loss in revenue. Will have a better look at this after the weekly/daily reservations are complete.
- h. **Stoney Point and Bailey Rip Rap project:** Jason has received permission from the County Board to hire an engineer to determine the proper layout to address the eroding that has taken place at Bailey and Stoney Point. His estimate is between \$20,000 and \$25,000 per park to repair the shoreline and prevent further erosion. As soon as a plan is in place Jason will look into getting grants to help cover this cost.
- i. **Truck pull Shakey Lakes:** Jason has been approached by a helper of the truck pulls during the fair to conduct a truck pull at Shakey Lakes. The weight eliminator had to be paid up front with no refund. As this is already paid for they would like to conduct a truck pull and try to recoup some of the cost (if not all). A motion by Kathy Branz to proceed with the Truck Pull, the Parks would retain the gate fee and could possibly increase camping fees for this event. This was supported by Bill Cech with all in favor.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. Any other item Members Wish to Present: Dick Peterson stated a recognition for Eileen Behrend who passed away and was a great contributor to Bailey Park. Jason will contact Noreen Johnson to get information and proceed with the recognition.

10. Public Comment: None.

11. Adjournment – Motion by Bill Cech to adjourn supported by Dick Peterson with all in favor at 6:20 PM

12. Next meeting will be at River Park, Menominee, MI. on July 6, 2020 at 6 P.M. (Due to COVID 19 meeting place may be moved – to be announced).

Submitted by,

Kathy Branz, Secretary

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee