

**Menominee County  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
February 11, 2009  
Minutes**

Members Present: Mark Aubert, Vola Bleile, Judy Bright, James Furlong, Jason Lauzer, Michael Lyons, and Dick Peterson. Member absent: None. Also in attendance: Steve Wery, Parks Superintendent.

The meeting was held at the Stephenson MSU Annex and Chairman Aubert called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Jason Lauzer, second by Judy Bright. Motion carried.

Motion to approve January 14, 2009 minutes as amended (spelling of Vola Bleile's name) made by Mike Lyons and seconded by Jason Lauzer. Motion carried.

No public comment.

The Parks By-Laws dated 1996 were discussed. Article III contains a discrepancy in the number of citizen members and commissioners and should be corrected. A discussion also followed about possibly moving the organizational meeting from January to February each year, due to legal issues concerning recent appointments to the Parks and Recreation Committee as well as other county committees. A motion to:

- (1) amend Article III of the By-Laws to read, "There shall be five (5) public at-large representatives and two (2) County Board representatives." to conform with the current and past composition of the committee, and
- (2) table discussion of any other amendments until a later date.

Motion made by Judy Bright, seconded by James Furlong. Motion carried unanimously.

Subsequent to legal issues over committee appointments made in November 2008 by the previous County Board, Jason Lauzer read from a restraining order that had been issued against the County Board and allowing Vola Bleile, Mike Lyons and appointments to other committees to remain on those committees until at least an Order to Show Cause hearing scheduled for February 24, 2009. Chairman Aubert also asked the Commissioners whether the current County Board has any issues with the Parks Committee or has any recommendations or direction for the Committee. The public members of the committee expressed their frustrations over how this matter has been poorly handled thus far and the impact on those persons who "volunteer" their time and service.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Expenses and Revenues Report was reviewed with no questions from the members.

Superintendent Steve Wery updated the committee on the following:

1. 30 new 10-12' maples will be planted at Shakey Lakes Park.
2. Lease sites at Kleinke Park – increased from 10 to 15 and identified on a map that was distributed to the committee.
3. Lease sites at Shakey Lakes - approximately \$50K in lease revenues so far this year, and a waiting-list procedure is being established.

No correspondence.

Other business: A motion to continue with the free camping weekend program for volunteer fire and rescue personnel was made by Judy Bright, seconded by Mike Lyons and carried unanimously.

There being no other business and no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Judy Bright, Secretary  
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