

Menominee County
Parks and Recreation Committee
April 9, 2009
Minutes

Members Present: Mark Aubert, Vola Bleile, Judy Bright, James Furlong, Jason Lauzer, Michael Lyons and Dick Peterson. 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 Judy Bright, seconded by Mike Lyons. Motion carried.

Motion to approve March 11, 2009 minutes as presented made by James Furlong and seconded by Jason Lauzer. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Supervisor Wery advised the committee that no bids had been received for the propane tanks but that the due date was not until April 15, 2009.

Monica Valdez appeared to request permission from the committee to offer kayak rentals for day use at the parks and would like to post flyers at Kleinke. She assured the committee that she has liability insurance and would have users sign liability waivers so there is no liability to the county. A motion to forward this to the County Board for approval was made by Mike Lyons, seconded by Vola Bleile and carried unanimously.

Kandace Tickler appeared on behalf of the Fair Board to discuss the 25 sites being held on Friday and Saturday nights near animal buildings for fair participants. It was agreed that:

- (1) site reservations will be handled by the park, but designated sites will be held for fair participants;
- (2) all sites should be paid for by June 1st;
- (4) a \$5.00 reservation fee will be charged in addition to total daily rate;
- (5) no horses on camp sites, only in show ring area (policy to be reviewed at May meeting);
- (6) Kandace would like a list of those who reserved sites CA1 – 10 last year in order to follow up with them for this year.

It was agreed that the Fair Board and the Parks Committee will hold a joint meeting in May on the regular Parks Committee meeting date on May 13th.

The committee began a discussion of sulfide mining in the Shakey Lakes area and concerns over noise and water pollution and possible loss of campers as a result. Marla Tuinstra and Ron Henrikson with the Front 40 group were in attendance and asked to be put on the Parks Committee agenda in May to give a presentation on sulfide mining.

Superintendent Wery updated the committee on trees to be planted and the grant for picnic tables and grills.

Commissioner Peterson inquired about the stimulus dollars for a new bath house at Shakey Lakes and was advised the county administrator had requested the money and we can follow-up with him.

There was no correspondence.

Under other items, a question was raised on the “wasted” open space at Shakey Lakes where there are old oak stumps. Steve Wery will look into the situation.

During public comment, the owners of the concession stand at Shakey Lakes raised questions about why they will not be allowed to have a food booth on the hill at this year’s fair. Kandace Tickler advised them that they were limited to selling food items out of the concession stand only during the fair. They were also advised that the fair board did not charge them the normal 10% of sales or vendor fee last year.

There being no further public comment, a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Lyons and seconded by Vola Bleile. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Judy Bright, Secretary
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