

Menominee County
Parks and Recreation Committee
April 14 2010
Minutes

Members present were Vola Bleile, Judy Bright, Bob Desjarlais. Ruby Ivens, Gail Jerzyk. Commissioner James Furlong, Commissioner Berny Lang, County Administrator Brian Bousley. Also Present were Al Thompson Assist. Supt. Park & Grounds, Park Rangers Jim Quist & Mike Seig, III.

Candy Curran Men. Cty. Fair Bd. asked to be added first to the agenda because of a time need. Furlong made a motion with a second from Ivens to add Curran to the agenda. Motion carried. Motion to approve previous meeting Minutes was made by Furlong with a second by Bleile.

Motion carried.

No Public comment.

- Business:
- a. Curran stated the Wis Pulling Ass. asked to have the tractor pulling area at the park be extended. She & Jim took some measurements which would equal about 3 camp sites. The project could not be completed this year but cost should be looked into. She could apply for a grant but board approval would be needed first. She invited the board to the May 3, 2010 Fair Board meeting.
 - b. Bousley reported (27) 12 ft. Norway Red Maple trees had been purchased from Paidl's. Trees are already planted. Rangers transplanted trees from the back to the front of Shakey Lakes Park.
 - c. Review of the lease site letter. Bright stated she had spoke with Steve Wery & Karen Kayser about allowing the people to pick their own sites. They said it had been done. Ivens was concerned about setting a precedence in past practices. She felt the lease site rules should be reviewed. Rangers & Thompson stated as water sites become available they could not be lease sites in the future. Desjarlais requested a map of the parks showing which are at present water leased sites, present lease sites, pull through sites, water sites and short term sites for the May meeting. Bright made a motion to allow lease site #22 to move to site #17. Furlong added a second & motion carried.
 - d. Menominee County does own Bailey Park property but Bousley still isn't clear about Chappee Rapids.
 - e. Review of changes in Park rules. The rules will be retyped to add "Rangers" have the authority to enforce Park rules. Quist asked if horses are allowed in the parks. Furlong made a motion to change park rules to state horses can only be rode in the designated horse arena. Bleile made a second & motion carried.
 - f. 5-yr. Plan review of sect. 5 to 7, pages 34 to 39.
Sect. 5.2 page 35 Shakey Lakes Park #4 The metal fish cleaning station hasn't been built. #6 Concrete fire rings have been installed. #7 A grant

has been applied for to install a handicapped accessible bathhouse.
Page 36 Bailey Park #3 Signs need to be installed to educate the Public about the hazard of getting their cars stuck if going into certain areas. Trees could possibly be planted to block getting to close. Hiking trails could be added. Thompson requested 9 concrete fire pits. Page 36 Mason Park Furlong suggested it be cleaned and bushed so the public could be more aware of things going on in the park. Rangers stated garbage is often dumped and picnic tables are thrown in the river.

Kleinke Park: Concrete fire pits have been installed on lakeside. New Grills have been added in the picnic area. Playground equipment is old.

River Park: Thompson suggested adding water, electricity and a retaining wall. Previous well was plugged with concrete in 1967. A hand pump for water is all the Health Dept requires. The pit toilet would accommodate 25 camp sites. There is no cost for applying for a camping permit. Health Dept could meet around 3 or 4 p.m. with the board one afternoon. Page 37 Airport Park:

Rangers said a bush hog could be used to clear a trail out to the water. The bush hog could not be used during nesting season. Renting a port-a-potty was suggested. Stoney Point Boat Landing: A new dock is needed. Longrie is not being used at this time but could be made into a rustic campground. Pages 37, 38 & 39: Keep the same.

g. Park Ranger/ Administrator Update:

Thompson reported water testing is completed. Fuel tanks were moved the required 800 ft. from the wells and a fence built around each. The cost was \$1,330.00. Well caps have been changed to vented caps at a cost of \$48.00 each. Place mats will be ready for Reservation Day April 26th. Selling the ads have already showed a profit of \$1000.00. The place mats will be used for the 2010 & 2011 camping season. Rangers do not have sand & gravel jobs completed yet. Picnic tables need more screws to complete. Bousley spoke with Darrell at the County Road Comm. Office about the chains at the park entrance. Darrell said no because there wasn't history of any accidents. Bousley and Desjarlais felt a fishing platform should be built. Cost will be looked into .Sign entrance will be up next month. For summer help each ranger will need one helper, Thompson one and Kayser 1 ½ , all total 4 ½ employees beside the work release . Mrs. Mickey Plautz donated \$1000.00 for playground equipment in Memory of her husband.

Bousley was questioned if there was a charge if a lease site renter brought their camper in before May 1st. Furlong made a motion to charge the daily rate. Ivens made a second & motion carried.

No Correspondence

No public comment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. was made by Bleile with a second from Bright. Motion carried.

Gail Jerzyk secretary
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