

Joint Meeting  
Menominee County  
Parks and Recreation Committee and  
Fair Board  
May 13, 2009  
Minutes

Parks Committee Members Present: Mark Aubert, Vola Bleile, Judy Bright, James Furlong, Jason Lauzer, and Dick Peterson. Absent: Michael Lyons. Also in attendance: Steve Wery, Parks Superintendent.

Fair Board Members Present: Kandace Curran, Wayne Erickson, Larry Roetzer and Phyllis Kaczmarczyk. Absent: Scott Parrette and Diane Brazelton.

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

Motion to approve agenda with addition of “Joint Meeting with Fair Board” and “Senior Citizen Discounts” made by Judy Bright, seconded by Jason Lauzer. Motion carried.

Motion to approve April 8, 2009 minutes with correction to read “the grant for benches and grills” made by Dick Peterson and seconded by Vola Bleil. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Fair Board Issues:

1. There are 10 campers on the waiting list for reserved camp sites at Shakey Lakes for fair weekend vendors and participants.
2. Superintendent Wery advised that county has back-up 15,000 watt generator for use by fair vendors, if needed, and use by other non-profit groups in the county. **Item should be added to Committee of Whole agenda by Fair Board for approval by county commissioners.** Mr. Wery to seek bids for hooking up generator and present to Committee of Whole.
3. Fair Manager Kandace Curran asked that the concession stand owners remove old machines from the animal barn. Superintendent Wery will follow up with them.
4. Truck and tractor pulls will be moved to Saturday from Sunday this year. Requested that people who attend pulls but are not campers be allowed to stay the night in areas not identified as campsites. This is not possible as determined by law.

The joint meeting ended at 6:18 p.m.

The Front 40 Group representing those opposing sulfide mining made a presentation to the Committee and advised attendees they should file a "Claim of Interest" to protect their mineral rights. This form can be obtained on their website: [menomineeriver.com](http://menomineeriver.com). The committee agreed to support a resolution opposing sulfide mining and requested that a resolution be drafted for approval at our meeting in June.

For information purposes, Superintendent Wery presented a list of bids received for propane tanks and fuel. Steve will follow-up with the lowest bidder, who will provide tanks at no charge and with the lowest fuel costs.

The County Board did not act on proposed changes to our By-Laws regarding make-up of the committee and suggested that review the By-Laws in their entirety for other changes. Members of the committee were advised to review the By-Laws for action at our next meeting.

Mr. Wery advised that opening day reservations for campsites went very well this year; no problems or issues.

The subject of animals on campsites should be addressed further and suggested that horses, cows, etc. be confined to the horse area.

#### Superintendent Updates:

1. The pit toilet is finished at Kleinke Park
2. Suggested that our June meeting be held at Kleinke and our July meeting be held at Shakey Lakes.
3. First quarter water tests passed quality standards. Next tests will be conducted after the fair.
4. Ranger staffing and other helper schedules have been slightly modified to save money.
5. Buoys will be installed by Memorial weekend.
6. Received grant approval for \$4035 for benches and grills.
7. Budget modified for 2009-10 moving one-third of Parks budget to Building and Grounds to more properly reflect use of employees in the December through March timeframe.

Committee members were individually contacted by Gary Olson regarding discount user fees for senior citizens. There will be no changes this year, and Mr. Wery will follow up with Mr. Olson.

There was no correspondence presented.

Commissioner Peterson expressed that he thought that the park is looking good. There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn was made by Judy Bright, seconded by Vola Bleil. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Judy Bright, Secretary  
Menominee County  
Parks and Recreation Committee