

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee
August 11, 2010
Minutes

Meeting held at River Park

Members Present: Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, Gail Jerzyk, Commissioner James Furlong, Commissioner Charlie Meintz, Vola Bleile and County Administrator Brian Bousley

Also present: Al Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Building and Grounds and Parks, Karen Kayser, Park Office Manager, neighbors of River Park

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Furlong with a second from Commissioner Meintz. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Mr. and Mrs. Salo would like to comment on agenda items f and h.
Mrs. Plutz would also like to comment on agenda item h.
Mr. and Mrs. Boye would also like to comment on agenda item h.

Business:

- a. Karen Kayser presented the latest deposits for the parks. Report all is going well out at the parks and still have Labor Day Weekend to come.
- b. Annual Pass and rates, discussion on raising the rates or making more options for the passes available such as a weekend pass and having the passes at different rates for Menominee County residents and out of county visitors and campers. It was decided after the close of the camping season the committee would revisit the issues.
- c. Review of the 2009/2010 Budget, discussion was held stating revenues are holding and expenditures are down.
- d. Review of bids for Shakey Lakes Bathhouse, drain field and sanitation station engineered draws. It was the consensus of the committee to recommend DGR to the County Board to receive the bid award. Motion made by Ivens seconded by Commissioner Meintz.
- e. Update on the fishing platform for Shakey Lakes, Bousley stated a lot of work has to be done with filing of the application and it is being worked on to be completed. The application will have to specify platform for being installed for next camping season
- f. Lease Extension: Ms. Salo and Mr. and Mrs. Boye explained last season the water had been shut off prior to end of the lease and therefore felt they should have an option to extend their lease this year and wanted to know what the price would be for extending their lease. Discussion ensued and a motion was made by Commissioner Furlong stating, all people who had a 6 month lease in 2009 and took a 5 month lease in 2010 due to water being shut off before October 31, 2009, will be charged the prorated rate of \$7.50 per day until the end of October 2010. This policy applies for 2010 year only. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meintz. Motion passed

- g. Park Improvement Surveys have been handed out to the campers and have been trickling back. Surveys have also been given to committee members to hand out
- h. Discussion of park concerns: the idea of Camp Host at Kleinke Park had been met with mixed reactions, Bousley reported Wells Parks rotates their camp hosts every month and they are expected to perform so many hours of work within the park and they receive a waiver of fee for camping. Mr. and Mrs. Salo reported they felt the camp host would be helpful in enforcing the rules of the park, collecting fees and keeping a general eye on the park. Mrs. Plutz felt the park does well without a host and the people who have the lease sites do keep a watchful eye on the park. The committee decided to discuss the options of a camp host at later date. The rule of fireworks within the parks was discussed and Mr. and Mrs. Boye and Mr. and Mrs. Salo stated there have been some campers setting off fireworks in the park and it was being disruptive and dangerous due the fireworks being set off within the camping area. Bousley stated Wells Park follows the Michigan Law regarding fireworks and anything legal by the standards of the law is prohibited within the park. The committee will revisit the firework issue at a later time and will discuss a possible change to the firework policy and park rules. The jet-boats are becoming less frequent, during the off season it will be discussed the possibility of imposing time limits for the jet-boats be set. Mr. and Mrs. Boye had some complaints of lewd behavior of other campers during the weekends and felt the committee should be made aware of the lewd behaviors and speeding of people coming through the park.
- i. Site 50 at Shakey Lakes has been complaining of problems with the breaker and his pedestal, possible lightning strike or not being grounded properly. Commissioner Meintz agreed to meet with the Site 50 to address the problems. Bousley stated any changes to meeting times need to be posted in a local newspaper.

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Public Comment: Camper stated he wanted to say the rangers and the their assistants have been doing a great job this season

Mrs. Barrett added her praise to the campers comment.

Earl Jerzyk also praised the Thompson and the Buildings and Grounds and Parks Department for work being done at River Park.

Motion to adjourn at 5:20 pm was made by Commissioner Furlong with a second from Ivens.