

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee  
September 8, 2010  
Minutes

Meeting held at Shake Lakes Park

**Members Present:** Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, Gail Jerzyk, County Administrator Brian Bousley, Al Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Building and Grounds and Parks, Karen Kayser, Park Office Manager, Jim Quist and Mike Seig, Park Rangers.

**Members Not Present:** Commissioner Furlong, Commissioner Meintz and Vola Bleile. Ms. Bleile had contacted Mr. Bousley and was excused.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ivens with a second Jerzyk. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Peterson stated Alger/Delta Power Company may raise their rates for each meter by \$12 to \$25 per month.

Mrs. Sue Aubury stated a lot of campers at Kleinke Park leave their electric running when not there.

Mrs. Plutz state the light is out at Stoney Point.

Mrs. Salo stating the electric increases maybe to people leaving air conditioners and patio lights on at the parks.

**Business:**

- a. DGR Engineer conducted a kickoff presentation for the start of the Bathhouse project, giving a briefing on the proposed site. Went over the plans and options for the bathhouse and the fixture count to maintain 160 campsites. Committee agreed upon unisex privacy shower stalls, widening the mechanical room hall from 4 feet to 6 feet, options of a washer and dryer area, a covered apron around the bathhouse. Bousley will keep in touch with Mr. Routhier to receive updates on the plans.
- b. Karen Kayser discussed option for car passes for the next season, will have 48 sites for lease next year, some electrical issues on the VA sites, 20 amps will not accommodate the larger campers with slide outs. Karen also proposed doing a lottery system for taking reservations for non-leased sites. Jim Quist stated some sites at Kleinke Park are too small to accommodate campers and proposed to widen the sites by eliminating a few sites. Jim also stated Site # 5 is in need of fill. Ivens made motion to have fill brought in for Site # 5, seconded by Jerzyk. Motion passed.

- c. Budget is looking good may exceed projected revenues and expenses are being kept lower than projected.
- d. 2% Grants for September cycle, Bousley will apply for two grants for drilling wells at Shakey Lakes for the bathhouse project and one at River Park
- e. DNRE grant the review is complete and the overall score is not very promising, but the final decision is not complete
- f. Parks Committee Bylaws, Ivens made a motion to approve the bylaws as approved by Dan Hass in December 2009 and move them forward to the County Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Jerzyk. Motion passed.
- g. Lease sites, Karen suggested keeping leases May 1 to Oct 1, Nov 1 respectively at Kleinke Park and Shakey Lakes. The 2,3,4,5 and 6 month lease should start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month but the 1 month should be flexible, discussion ensued and will be decided for next season. A letter was read authored by Mrs. Aubury wanting explanation for the lease extension at the prorated rate from the August meeting. Mrs. Aubury stated she had received additional information and was in understanding. Mrs. Salo had asked if they could for the next year have a lease to begin April 15<sup>th</sup> and end on October 15<sup>th</sup>, due to the water shut off possibility. Karen stated within the lease contract it states limited services before Memorial Day and after Labor Day. After the present camping season the issues will be discussed.
- h. Shakey Lakes Campground Inspection, Mike Seig stated items 2, 3 and 4 have been addressed and fixed. Item # 1 was being looked into and will be worked on with Al Thompson.
- i. Other issues: Karen brought up the storage of campers on the camping site; the campers would pay \$100. Desjarlais stated if staying within the park a camper should have a current state license plate on that camper. Jim state if there is going to be a rule stating a camper must have a current license plate the lease owners should be made aware of the rule. Desjarlais made a motion stating, starting May 1, 2011 all campers will have a current valid registered state license plate for the current year. Motion seconded by Ivens.

Desjarlais asked about the pumping of the septic and pit toilets, would like for next year's bidding to have yearly contract from April to November to have the pumping done three times between April and November on demand. Before going out for bids for next season have the bid proposal written and reviewed by the Parks Committee. Bousley stated will conduct a public meeting for input on the county's 5 year recreation plan next month at 2 pm prior to our October meeting.

Desjarlais brought up we could try to coordinate the bathhouse project paving with the paving of a few ADA campsites

**Public Comment:** Mrs. Plutz asked about the cutting of the weeds at Kleinke Park.

Mrs. Aubury stated more ventilation in the restrooms is needed at Kleinke Park.

Mrs. Salo stated if we want to raise the cost of the showers we should look into the cost for new mechanical units.

Mr. Peterson stated should try to get bids for the full work of the septic drain field and work on as soon as possible and hopefully start the work this fall.

Motion to adjourn at 4:45 pm was made by Ivens with a second from Desjarlais.