

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

October, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at the Annex in Stephenson, MI on October 1, 2012.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, Gail Jerzyk, Glenn Cody, County Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Commissioners Charlie Meintz and Mark Jasper. There was a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

Approval of agenda: A motion was made by Ruby and seconded by Glenn. The motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Charlie to approve the minutes from the last meeting that was seconded by Ruby. The motion carried.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Business:

- a. **Monthly Budget Review:** Bob distributed copies of the most recent budget for the board's perusal and comment. He remarked that our current balance stands above the projection (i.e. we are under budget at the present time)
- b. **Park Ranger/Park Manager Updates:** Office Manager Karen Kayser reported that her seasonal employment with the parks was over for the year. Brian stated that the parks were being winterized.
- c. **Park Deputy Program:** Brian stated that the deputy would continue to camp at Shakey Lakes Park until the end of October. He reported that the program had been a success in its first year of operation and requested permission from the committee to continue the program again next year. Ruby made a motion to allow Brian to extend the program for another year that was seconded by Gail. The motion carried.
- d. **Projects:** Brian announced that the new bathhouse at Shakey Lakes Park will open next year and that construction costs were well within the projected budget.
- e. **Kleinke/Shakey Lakes Park:** Brian reported that the grant application with the DNR had received a low score (a priority rating). There would be another spraying regimen at Airport Park to control the phragmites that had overtaken the shoreline. This would be undertaken with funds from this year's budget. Brian also reminded the board that the pads at the Stoney Point boat launch needed to be replaced soon.
- f. **Lease Program/Lease Policies and Procedures:** The board discussed the long-term

lease program in some detail. Brian provided a breakdown of the daily fees for campers at each park as well as the cost for electricity. There was some discussion concerning if and by how much to raise the rates for the long-term campsites. No action was taken.

- g. Park Rules:** The committee continued its discussion of the park rules from the previous meeting. Two members reported receiving complaints from some campers that those who occupied sites directly on the water restricted the access of other campers to the shoreline. A suggestion was made to establish a "buffer" zone along the shore that would be available to all park patrons. No action was taken. Brian asked the committee to offer suggestions for rule changes at the next meeting.

There was no correspondence.

Any Other Items Members Wish to Present: None

Public Comment: None

Ruby offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Gail. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody