

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Bob Desjarlais at the Menominee County Library in Stephenson, MI on November 1, 2011.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, Glenn Cody, Vola Bleile, County Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Commissioners Charlie Meintz and Mark Jasper. There was a quorum present to conduct the meeting. Al Thompson, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, also attended the meeting.

Approval of agenda: Motion was made by Mark and seconded by Ruby. The motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting on October 4, 2011 were approved. Glenn made the motion that was seconded by Charlie. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Candace Curran, president of the Menominee County Fair Committee, requested a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee in January to discuss the 2012 fair. She reported that the stray voltage problem at Shakey Lakes Park which had been a problem last year was recently corrected by the power company; grounding rods were installed. She announced that the 2012 event will be the 100th anniversary of the Menominee County Fair.

Bob Menacher from the Menominee County Sheriff's Department requested a reduced fee for a permanent campsite at Shakey Lakes Park. He remarked that his visibility there would help deter potential problems among the campers. His request was tabled until the next meeting.

Business:

- a. **Park Office Manager/Park Ranger Report:** Brian reported that crews were busy closing everything up for the winter, and that a water hydrant had ruptured at Shakey Lakes Park. In addition, a new water pump had been installed in one of the trucks.
- b. **Budget-monthly review:** Brian submitted the latest budget statement for review by the committee. Questions were raised concerning an overage for "gas and oil" as well as for "rental and contracting". Brian explained that the fuel tanks weren't full at the end of last year and that there had been unexpected increases in the rates for garbage removal and septic pumping. Bob suggested that much gasoline could be saved if those employees who were responsible for maintenance at Kleinke Park didn't have to report first to the maintenance facility at Shakey Lakes Park.
- c. **Projects Updates:** Dan Menacher, Menominee County Building Inspector, presented updated plans for the placement of the new dump station at Shakey Lakes Park. After much discussion, the committee requested Dan to oversee additional changes including: moving the dump station to the south side of the new bath house, eliminating the parking area and replacing it with a sidewalk, and rotating the orientation of the dump

station by 90 degrees. On another matter, Al reported that new caps had been installed on the pit toilets at Kleinke Park to prevent ground water from entering the pits.

- d. **Lease site policy and procedures:** The new policies and procedures were reviewed. Vola made a motion to approve them that was seconded by Charlie. The motion carried.
- e. **Camp Hosts:** After a brief discussion, Ruby made a motion to institute the program on a trial basis for one year that was seconded by Charlie. The motion carried.
- f. **Winter Projects:** Brian reported that the parks would be cleaned up, and that new signage would be constructed and installed at Kleinke Park. Additional winter projects would be forthcoming.
- g. **Any other matters:** Glenn suggested that the summer meetings at the various county park include a brief tour of the facilities by Al Thompson so that the committee could see first hand what projects had been undertaken as well as what other improvements needed to be considered. Ruby requested that the committee consider an earlier meeting time. Brian suggested that the committee consider establishing a fitness trail at one of the parks.

Correspondence: A letter thanking the park system for the West Shore Fishing Museum was read.

Public Comment: Candace offered her thanks to Ruby for her efforts on the Camp Host program. She also asked if camp registration could be conducted at the annex.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. was offered by Charlie and seconded by Vola.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody