

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Chair Bob Desjarlais in the Stephenson High School library on March 1, 2011.

Reporting for roll call were: Ruby Ivens, Gail Jerzyk, Bob Desjarlais, Vola Bleile, Glenn Cody, 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:

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting on February 1, 2011 were approved. Charlie made the motion that was seconded by Ruby.

Public Comment: a long-term lease camper for many years at Shakey Lakes Park commented that he was interested in trading his campsite for a different one (lot 57) that is right on the water. The second site had just become available this year, when the its long-term lease occupant did not wish to renew the lease. The request to trade campsites in this manner had been denied, because it had been earlier decided that as long-term lease campsites became available, they would be rented as short-term lease sites only.

Since there was no written policy, a motion was made by Charlie to allow Al to make the change for this camper. Ruby seconded the motion. It passed.

A second motion was made by Charlie to change the status of the following campsites from long to short term: 2, 4, 8, 11, 75, 68, and 67. Ruby seconded the motion. It passed.

A third motion was made by Charlie to change the status of the following campsites from long to short term as they become available: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 56, 57, 58, 59, 65, 66, 69, 72, 73, 74. Ruby seconded the motion. It passed.

Another question was raised by long-lease camper at Klenke Park, Christie Soloman from Negaunee. She wanted to know what criteria were used to allocate campsites at Klenke Park. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Business:

- a. **John Nelio – Stoney Point Boat Launch Project:** John reported that the launch area had silted up since it was last dredged in 2001. He had contacted MJB Company in Marinette, and they had expressed an interest in dredging the area. The company had not yet submitted a cost estimate, but the 2001 dredging had cost \$10,000. A motion was made by Vola to pursue the dredging project. Mark seconded the motion. It passed.

- b. **Five Year Recreational Plan 2011-2015 Draft:** Brian announced that the plan was available for public viewing both at the courthouse and on the web for thirty days. On March 25, there will be a public hearing followed by a vote.
- c. **Park Rules Review:** There was a lengthy discussion concerning fireworks in the parks and compliance with Michigan state law. Glenn made a motion that all fireworks, including sparklers, be prohibited on park grounds at all times. Vola seconded the motion. It passed.
- d. **Budget Review:** There were no additional questions concerning the budget that had been discussed at the last meeting.
- e. **Lease Program and Rates:** There was nothing to add to the program and rates for the 2011 camping season that had previously been approved.
- f. **Shakey Lakes Bathhouse Project Update:** Brian reported that the requested modifications from the DNR were finished, and that it was soon to be mailed back to them.
- g. **Concession Stand Contract at Shakey Lakes:** It was reported that the current contract (facilities lease) with the food vendor was \$600 per year. Charlie made a motion to increase it to \$1200. Vola seconded the motion, and it was passed.
- h. **Any other matters:** Brian announced that he was moving ahead with the bidding process for the bathhouse project.

There was no additional correspondence and no additional business.

The meeting was motioned to adjourn by Charlie with a second by Vola.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody