

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at the Annex in Stephenson, MI on April, 2014.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Vola Bleile, Ruby Ivens, Glenn Cody, County Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Commissioner Charlie Meintz. There was a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

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

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

Public Comment: None

Business:

- a. **Park Manager / Park Ranger Update:** Brian reported that the wells at Shakey Lakes Park were still frozen and unable to be used. He also announced that all of the seasonal employees would be in place by mid-May.
- b. **Monthly Budget Review:** Brian submitted copies of the latest budget for the committee's perusal and comment. Questions were raised concerning various details of the budget which Brian clarified. Expenses are running at about 31% of the annual budget – normal for this point in the year. There are still five long-term campsites open at Shakey Lakes Park. Charlie commented that he expected a decrease in the number of long-term campers this year, because many residents are still recovering from much higher energy prices, especially propane, this winter.
- c. **Parks Project / Grants:** Brian announced that the Clean Kill Company would be continuing their battle with phragmites in parks along the bay this spring; the plants will be cut back shortly. Work connected with the River Park grant should be completed this summer including the addition of four rustic campsites. The project at Stoney Point is scheduled for completion next year. Charlie asked if fire rings could be purchased locally.
- d. **Lease Program:** Brian reported that he had received a few complaints concerning the February 15 registration deadline. Some campers believe that the date is too early in the season.
- e. **Review of by-laws:** Brian reminded the committee of its responsibility to review the by-laws on a regular basis. He had no changes to recommend at this time. Ruby called attention to #R96-11 which states that committee members are to receive no meeting

compensation. This had been changed by the county board several months ago. Brian agreed to affect the change in the by-laws.

Correspondence: None

Any Other Items Members Wish to Present: Brian announced the Menominee County was now an official member of the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition. He agreed to keep the committee apprised of the actions and projects that this multi-county group undertakes. An appreciation event for park employees was suggested and will be discussed in subsequent meetings.

Charlie offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Ruby. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody