

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Bob Desjarlais at River Park on August 2, 2011.

Reporting for roll call were: Gail Jerzyk, Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, 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: Motion was made by Mark and seconded by Ruby. The motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meetings on July 5, 2011 were approved. Charlie made the motion that was seconded by Ruby. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Two long-term campers at Klenke Park thanked Al for improvements to the women's restroom. Another camper thanked the committee for the new fireworks ban in all county parks.

Business:

- a. **Discussion of Camp Training:** Ruby suggested that we establish a host camper program initially at Klenke Park citing the following reasons: The park is very close to the highway, the park suffers from a layout that is confusing to first-time visitors, and a host-camper would make all campers feel more welcome. Mr. Valdez, manager of Wells State Park was invited to the meeting to talk about the host-camper program there. In particular, he discussed the duties of the host-camper and the method for selecting them. He also stated that in his opinion, the host-camper program was a great asset to the park.
- b. **Park Office Manager/Park Ranger Report:** Park Manager Karen Kayser reported via an occupancy graph that usage of the county parks was about the same as last year. In addition, the parks were drawing patrons from the same residential areas. She mentioned that there had been numerous electrical problems especially at Shakey Lakes Park.
- c. **Budget-monthly review** Brian reported that the bottom line was O.K.
- d. **2011/2012 Budget:** Brian announced that next year's budget was probably going to be as tight as the current year's. In particular, he reported that the spraying regimen for phragmites at Airport Park and Bailey Park would cost about \$5,000 each.
- e. **Maintenance Contract Discussions:** This item was tabled until a future meeting pending the receipt of a proposal for the maintenance of park equipment (e.g. mowers and snow-blowers)

- f. **Summer Projects and the Parks:** Brian announced that a few issues were still in the process of resolved with the DNR and the health department.
- g. **Grant Opportunities:** Brian reported that the county had applied for a matching grant through the Conservation District for the planting of trees in the county parks.
- h. **Bylaws, Park Rules Review:** Brian announced that the Board of Commissioners had ruled that there was to be no alcohol at county committee meetings and that the compensation for mileage for committee members had been increased to 55.5 cents per mile.
- i. **Lease site policy and procedures:** Park Manager Karen Kayser requested a ruling on whether or not campers were entitled to a refund in the event of bad weather. The answer was no. She also raised the issue of how to handle disorderly campers. She was told that the employees of the park do have the right to deny camping privileges to disorderly patrons.
- j. **Any other matters:** One long-term camper from Klenke Park requested clarification of the policy regarding long-term camping sites as they become available.

There was no correspondence and no further public comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. was offered by Charlie and seconded by Gail

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody