

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Bob Desjarlais at Shakey Lakes Park on September 6, 2011.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, Glenn Cody, County Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Commissioner Charlie Meintz. 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 Ruby and seconded by Glenn. The motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meetings on August 2, 2011 were approved. Ruby made the motion that was seconded by Charlie. The motion carried.

Public Comment: One long-term camper at Kleinke Park stated that a sign with regulations was needed at the park. Another camper thanked the committee for the new shower building (in progress) at Shakey Lakes Park.

Business:

- a. **Park Office Manager/Park Ranger Report:** Park Manager Karen Kayser distributed a list of campers at Kleinke Park that stated where each was from. She noted that Kleinke is not a "destination" park (the overwhelming majority of campers are just passing through on their way to other locations) She also submitted a letter from Jim Quist suggesting that the committee consider enclosing one of the pavilions at Shakey Lakes Park. Karen also had a "wish list" from the park rangers containing items that are needed. Ruby suggested that the committee prioritize the list and try to secure funding for as many of the items as possible. Tires and brakes were placed at the top of the list followed by: two-way radios, roofing (at least one), 1/2 inch drive metric wrenches, new toilets, and siding for one of the pavilions.
- b. **Budget-monthly review:** Brian reported that all is well with the current budget, and that the bottom line remains OK.
- c. **2011/2012 Budget:** Brian announced that next year's allocation from the county board \$43,032.00 will be about 10% less than the current year.
- d. **Maintenance Contract Discussions:** A proposal for the maintenance of park equipment (e.g. mowers and snow-blowers) was received from a repair shop in Daggett. Ruby made a motion that the committee accept the proposal that was seconded by Glenn. The motion carried.

- e. **Update on Park Projects:** Dan Menacher, Menominee County Building Inspector, reported on the well problems at the bathhouse under construction. The well is equipped to pump 35 gallons per minute, but the health department is demanding that it be increased to 55 gallons per minute. He also talked about the position of the dump station in the plans. The current plan would require the construction of a long access driveway. Dan suggested that the location of the dump station be moved closer to the existing road to eliminate the expense of the driveway. Brian approved this change.
- f. **Grant Opportunities:** Brian reported that funding for a well at River Park had been granted from the 2% grant program. The Conservation District had also allocated \$500 to be used for phragmite eradication.
- g. **Lease site policy and procedures:** Brian stated a need for the committee to designate lease dates for long-term campers – specifically, if the leases would run from the 1st of the month to the 1st of the following month or from the 15th to the 15th. Some of the long-term campers in the audience suggested that either system be available to meet the needs of everyone. They also asked the committee not to eliminate the two and three month leases. Brian announced that this decision would be made at the next meeting; Bob's departure for another event resulted in the loss of a quorum for the rest of this meeting.

G. Correspondence: A letter from another long-time, long-term camper at Kleinke Park reiterated the earlier request that there be more flexibility in lease dates.

H. Any Other Items Members Wish to Present: Earlier in the meeting, Ruby noted that there were many items still outstanding from previous meetings. She suggested that the committee act on some of these items. This was tabled until the next meeting, since a quorum was no longer present.

- I. **Public Comment:** Several long-term campers at Kleinke Park spoke about the differences between Kleinke Park and Shakey Lakes Park, and that there should be different regulations for each. In particular, the requirement that camping vehicles should back into the camping spot wasn't very feasible for many of the sites on the water at Kleinke. They also reminded the committee that many short-term campers fail to pay the camping fee and that there is a lot of unauthorized use of the dumping facility (as many as 31 violations one day) by vehicles that have camped elsewhere. Ruby and Glenn volunteered to visit the park and talk with campers before the next meeting. Another comment questioned the board's refund policy for health-related cancellations. Brian stated that these were handled on a case-by-case basis. Finally, one gentleman questioned the reason for the \$10.00 charge for a park sticker for a third vehicle. Brian explained that this was the pricing structure that had been approved previously.

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

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody