

# Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Brian Bousley at the Stephenson Annex Building in Stephenson, MI on January 31, 2012.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, Gail Jerzyk, 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.

Approval of agenda: Motion was made by Bob and seconded by Vola. The motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting on December 6, 2011 were approved. Bob made the motion that was seconded by Vola. The motion carried.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

Business:

### a. Election of Officers:

1. Chairman: Bob Dejarlais was nominated by Charlie and approved by acclamation.
2. Vice Chairman: Charlie Meintz was nominated by Ruby and approved by acclamation
3. Secretary: Glenn Cody was nominated by Ruby and approved by acclamation.

b. **Joint Meeting with Fair Board:** Candace Curran, Chairman of the Fair Board reported that the fair had gone very well last year and that the new fence is installed. After introducing the other members of the Fair Board, she announced that the upcoming fair was actually not the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as previously believed. The high cost and liability of bringing carnival rides to the fair was prohibitive again this year, but a mechanical bull and a rock climbing wall would be available for fair-goers. The Fair Board has also assumed responsibility for compiling the Fair Book for the first time this year in order to recover some of the cost of having it professionally produced. Candace also raised the issue of securing more electricity for the fair. Bob mentioned that the existing power lines to the park were able to handle more current, but that bigger transformers were needed. This year's fair will run from July 27 through July 29. This later date should encourage more residents to enter garden produce.

Looking toward future fairs, Candace expressed the need for another storage facility and show ring at the park. The Fair Board is also interested in restoring the Swine category to the livestock competition. Bob suggested that both boards work together to replace cables at the entrance to the park with guardrails. He estimated the cost to be around

\$25,000. Finally, Candace presented a hypothetical “time sheet” that demonstrated the amount of hours that Fair Board members worked last year to make the event a success. Although their labor was of course voluntary, it is estimated to have had a value of \$8578.

- c. **Schedule of Dates/Times/Places for 2012 Parks and Recreation Committee Meetings:** It was decided that committee will meet the first Monday of each month beginning at 5:00 pm at the Stephenson Annex Building (whenever possible).
- d. **Budget Review:** The latest copy of the budget was reviewed and discussed. Brian announced that the “bottom-line” continues to be good.
- e. **Grants 2% and DNR:** Brian attended a grant workshop in Marquette, MI earlier in the month and reported that 25% matching grants from the DNR have a greater chance of being approved if the project cost is \$50,000 or less. A new well and additional campsites at River Park were discussed along with a suggestion by Mark Jasper to consider adding “overnight shelters” on a trial basis. Gail made a motion to propose grants for remodeling efforts at River Park and a boat wash. Vola seconded the motion that was then approved by the committee.
- f. **Park Updates:** Brian reported that the plans for the new bathhouse at Shakey Lakes Park have been completed and submitted to the DNR. Pending approval, a call for bids will be issued. Brian also announced that the Menominee County Board of Commissioners had approved the website development proposal submitted at the December meeting. The developer is in need of “released” photos of patrons enjoying the parks.
- g. **Camp Host:** Brian distributed copies of the Campground Host-Volunteer Program, a set of policies adopted by the Michigan State Park system. Brian had edited them so that they could be adapted to the country park system and asked the committee to review the document before the next meeting on February 6.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**Public Comment:** One attendee asked whether or not carnival ride companies had their own generators. The committee responded that liability was also an issue with contracting these companies to offer rides at the fair.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. was offered by Vola and seconded by Gail.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody