

MENOMINEE COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES May 6, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair, Bob Desjarlais at Bailey Park in Cedar River.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Reporting for roll call were:** Bob Desjarlais, Dick Peterson, Kathy Branz, Mike Kass, County Commissioners Larry Phelps and Bill Cech. Excused were Vola Bleile and County Commissioner Jason Carviou. Others in attendance were Karen Kayser, Jim Quist, Noreen Johnson, Kathy & Rick Cappock, Tina Oman, Nancy Larson, Eileen Berhand and Jerry Pische..
4. **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Mike Kass to approve the agenda, with the addition of I – Great Lakes Conservation Corps by Kathy Branz, supported by Bill Cech with all in favor.
5. **Minutes:** Dick Peterson made a motion to accept the April 1, 2019 minutes supported by Mike Kass. All were in agreement. Motion carried.
6. **Public Comments:** Noreen Johnson gave a report regarding walking trails at Bailey Park. She met with a site planner from Escanaba and he did a hand drawing of the trails showing rest spots and highlights. This was a cost of \$1,000. They also received an M & M Grant for \$1000 to put signs by Red Rock (Rochereau Point). This was a large land mark that could be seen across the Bay and a sign designating Indian activity by the Flag Pole. These signs will be 24 X 30 laminate metal. They also applied for a grant to put a bridge to the Red Rock. The foundation for the new building will be done the end of July and they will celebrate with a fund raiser. Noreen also stated they received a donation of \$17,000 to pan the restore the house.

Nancy Larson said she likes to walk and snowshoe. She snowshoed this winter and felt we have a good opportunity to promote Bailey Park for snowshoeing and cross country skiing. There are some excellent sites for trails and can expand the trails across the road where the logging was done. A parking spot could be kept plowed for up to 4 cars. Nancy said she would gladly assist in promoting this.

Noreen also stated she had the understanding that the loggers were to cut the trees to widen the road – there are still trees hanging over the road.

Bob Desjarlais stated we have to look into removing stumps and filling in ruts where the loggers cut.

7. **Business:**

- a. **Review Financials** – When reviewing the budget it was noted there is no amount for the Electrical improvements at Shakey Lakes. Larry Phelps said the budget has to be adjusted and Jason is looking at this.
- b. **Picnic Tables – grant:** Tabled for next month to confirm if grant was awarded.

- c. **Electrical at Shakey Lakes** – Prior to opening the bids, Bob said the bids do not include the lights and outlets in the Pavilions. It was decided to look at the bids and have an amendment added from the successful bidder.

Robert Ardnt – Escanaba (included lights in pavilions) \$29,177.00

Twin City – Menominee – no lights plus cost from Alger Delta \$43,071.10

Solander Electric – Stephenson – no lights plus cost from Alger Delta

\$39495.00

A motion by Bill Cech to recommend Robert Ardnt contingent on a review by Jason to verify requirements of bid specifications. This was supported by Larry Phelps with all in favor.

- d. **New restrooms at Shakey Lakes (replace pit toilets)** – Administrator Jason Carviou stated the County Board approved the \$4,400 for Engineering Plans, Construction Specs and bidding documents. They are awaiting the contract from DGR to proceed. A motion by Bob Desjarlais to move this project to October 2019 and to the 2019-2020 budget, with work to be done in October. This was supported by Mike Kass with all in favor.
- e. **Added Parking at Shakey Lakes Boat Launch** – Jim Quist stated the boat launch is still under one foot of water. Bob Desjarlais stated that they are looking at digging limestone at his place. If this happens he will donate the limestone and the Parks will only have to pay the hauling. This will happen sometime this summer. Jim also stated the two trees have been removed as they were damaged.
- f. **List of Accomplishments over the last 5 years** – Items to be added as accomplished
- g. **Electric at Bailey** – A motion by Kathy Branz to allow a bid proposal for Electric for the new addition at Bailey Park (at this time it would only be the service), supported by Dick Peterson with all in favor.
- h. **Solid Waste container bids – Shakey Lakes and Kleinke** – This is complete and the containers are in place.
- i. **Weekly Reservations at Kleinke** – Kathy Branz was promoting the parks and an individual called for reservations for 10 days at Kleinke. They were told we do not take reservations other than 1, 2, 3 or 4 month. After discussion this was tabled.
- j. **Pit toilet at Kleinke (elimination)** – it was decided to leave the pit toilet for that end of the park and travelers.
- k. **On line reservations** – Internet would cost about \$50 per month at Shakey Lakes. A motion by Mike Kass to have permission from the County Board to look at programs available, what vendors and cost for an on-line reservation package, supported by Bill Cech. All were in favor.
- l. **Great Lakes Conservation Corps** – Noreen stated this group has people who help clean up. They are trained with power saws and can help clean up after the

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loggers. They have a group out of Marquette and another out of Iron Wood. They usually commit for a week at a time and camp while doing the work. It was agreed that we would donate the campsites at Kleinke while they are working. This will be looked into. Jason is aware of this group.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. Any other item Members Wish to Present: Bob Desjarlais made a motion to add 4 rustic campsites on the north end of Kleinke Park. This was supported by Bill Cech with all in favor. Jim said they are already laid out and he would make sure there are picnic tables and fire rings.

Larry Phelps said he would like to add to the list of accomplishments. He feels Mason Park would be an ideal spot to install a Kayak launch. He will obtain more information.

Public Comment: None.

10. Adjournment – Motion by Dick Peterson to adjourn supported by Mike Kass with all in favor at 7:45 PM

11. Next meeting will be at Kleinke Park on M35 on June 3rd, 2019 at 6 P.M.