

MENOMINEE COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair, Bob Desjarlais at Lake Township Hall in Stephenson.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
3. **Reporting for roll call were:** Bob Desjarlais, Dick Peterson, Kathy Branz, Mike Kass and County Commissioner Bill Cech. Excused were County Administrator Jason Carviou, County Commissioner Larry Phelps and Vola Bleile.

Others in attendance were Jim Quist and Colleen VanElls, Morning Dove Productions.
4. **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Bill Cech to approve the Agenda supported by Dick Peterson with all in favor.
5. **Election of Officers:** A motion for Bob Desjarlais as Chair made by Bill Cech, supported by Kathy Branz. All were in favor. A motion by Bob Desjarlais for Dick Peterson as Vice Chair supported by Bill Cech. All were in favor. A motion by Mike Kass for Kathy Branz as Secretary supported by Bill Cech. All were in favor.
6. **Minutes:** Bill Cech made a motion to accept the January 6, 2020 minutes supported by Dick Peterson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
7. **Public Comments:** Jim Quist reported he only has 5 tables left to assemble, which will complete the assembly of the 55 new picnic tables. He will then start repairing the old picnic tables as needed. The shower building brick work is done, where the car hit the building, and the door will be replaced shortly. The bid for the tile inside the bath building has not been awarded as of yet.
8. **Business:**
 - a. **Review Financials/Budget** – A question was raised by Kathy Branz regarding the \$948 month electric charge and the \$90 contracted service charge. Jason reported to Kathy that the electric bill has been the same the last 3 years and the \$90 was for porta potty rental. Jim Quist asked how much he had to spend to replace trees and there is \$150 left in the budget. A motion by Mike Kass to accept the Financials/Budget supported by Dick Peterson with all in favor.
 - b. **Morning Dove Productions – Colleen VanElls** – Colleen thanked the board for allowing her to be on the agenda. She also stated it has been a pleasure working with the board and all that has been accomplished. The invoice of \$2600 has not been raised since we started the program. Colleen presented the board with a handout (attached) regarding the coverage that was provided and some demographics she looked up on TV watchers. One of the main subjects she found interesting is people camp to get away but want Wi-Fi access when camping. Mike Kass stated he and Jason are working on this but it will probably not happen until next year. It was also stated that most parks that provide Wi-Fi also have an additional charge for it, suggested price was \$10 per weekend. Colleen also stated social media is a prime way to advertise, but she would need help and Mike Kass and Colleen will communicate to accomplish this. It was also noted that the

Menominee County Fair and Polka Days in Pulaski are on the same weekend. This is a conflict and may hurt the Fair as the Polka fest draws upward of 80,000 people who plan for this weekend a year in advance. Bill thanked Colleen for the great job she did and stated she is a tremendous asset to the Parks. Dick supported this statement.

A motion by Kathy Branz to pay the Morning Dove Production invoice of \$2,600 supported by Dick Peterson. Four yes and 1 no – motion passed.

Kathy suggested we have a fund raiser at the Park using the fair building to host a dance. Dates that were decided on were June 20 or 27th depending on when Colleen can book the band. The band she is looking at would be a Neil Diamond, Blues Brothers reunion band and would cost about \$500. Colleen will try to get a sponsor to cover the cost. Bill suggested we call this event the Equinox Celebration as the 20th is the longest day of the year. If the above mentioned band is not available she also has contact with a country band. Everyone approved of this event as we need to help increase our revenue due to the new expenses we are incurred.

- c. **New restrooms at Shakey Lakes – follow up:** Waiting for bids to start project. Jason said they will be working with a new RFP and as soon as this is established this will be done.
- d. **Added Parking at Shakey Lakes Boat Launch –** Bob is said the limestone crushing is scheduled for this summer. As soon as this happens we will have to see how to haul to Shakey Lakes. Bob stated he had talked to the Road Commission about hauling and Darrell Cass stated we would have to pay to have this done.
- e. **Electric at Bailey –** no update was given.
- f. **On line reservations –** Mike Kass stated he and Jason have had conflicting schedules and have not been able to meet on this.
- g. **Kayak Launch Mason Park (Larry Phelps) –** At this time there is no change.
- h. **Parks Ordinance Review:** No update on this as Jason was absent.
- i. **Bailey Park, Kleinke and Shakey Lakes – Stump Removal:** – Jim Quist said there are 31 stumps to be removed at Kleinke before camping begins and 51 at Shakey Lakes. There are also some at Bailey but he did not know how many. Bill said the County is still looking at purchasing a stump removal implement.
- j. **Approval of meeting schedule:** Bill suggested we add where the meetings are going to be held and Mike Kass asked to move the meeting time to 6PM as his schedule conflicts with the 5:30 start time. Due to Labor Day and the County Board Meeting it was decided to move the September meeting to the 10th. A motion by Mike Kass to accept the meeting schedule with the above changes and supported by Bob Desjarlais. All were in favor. (Meeting schedule with changes attached).

9. Correspondence: None.

10. Any other item Members Wish to Present: None

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11. Public Comment: None.

12. Adjournment – Motion by Mike Kass to adjourn supported by Kathy Branz with all in favor at 7 PM

13. Next meeting will be at Lake Township Hall on Cnty Rd 577 in Stephenson on March 2, 2020 at 6 P.M.

Submitted by,

Kathy Branz, Secretary

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