

MENOMINEE COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES APRIL 1, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair, Bob Desjarlais at Lake Township Town Hall in Stephenson.
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, County Administrator Jason Carviou. Excused was Vola Bleile. Others in attendance were Karen Kayser, Jim Quist, Charlene Peterson, Eric Tickler and Dave Pomeroy.
4. **Approval of agenda:** Motion by Mike Kass to approve the agenda supported by Bill Cech with all in favor.
5. **Minutes:** Bill Cech made a motion to accept the March 4, 2019 minutes supported by Mike Kass. All were in agreement. Motion carried.
6. **Public Comments:** Eric Tickler said the Fair will be the same as last year. They have an opportunity to rent a stage for the bands – it will be a semi-trailer, the Parks Board approved this. Eric questioned if we could get extra camp site permits from the DEQ for extra camping during the fair weekend. Jim Quist stated we could do 12 rustic sites for fair weekend and the Fair Board rents 25 extra porta-potties to accommodate the crowd. The cost for the permit from the DEQ would be around \$50. A motion by Bill Cech to add these sites for the Fair supported by Kathy Branz with all in favor.

Dave Pomeroy said they have a donation for portable bleachers to use where needed. Bob Desjarlais stated we would have to check on liability insurance for coverage. Jason Carviou said he would look into the insurance issue.

Eric also said they were putting a billboard at the end of the weight pull so people could not stand at the end of the track. This was being done for safety purposes.

Eric asked if drones were allowed. Jim Quist stated no drones in the park for privacy of the park guest.

Bill Cech asked if it is still a policy that at Kleinke you pay for 6 days and get the 7th free. Karen said it is still in the policy and should be reviewed for next year. A motion was made by Bill Cech to honor pay 6 days at Kleinke with 7th date free to be reviewed for next year supported by Mike Kass with all in favor.

7. **Business:**

- a. **Review Financials** – As this is so early in the year the financials show the lease income but very little of the expenses stated Administrator Jason Carviou. Bob Desjarlais asked where we ended last year now that the audit has been completed. Jason said it was around \$35,000 to \$40,000 and he would send us the numbers.
- b. **Picnic Tables – grant:** Jason said the grant for 40 tables has been submitted to Hannahville.

- c. **Electrical at Shakey Lakes** – After much discussion, a motion by Kathy Branz supported by Dick Peterson to do a walk through for any interested parties wanting to submit a bid for the Electrical Work at Shakey Lakes Park (update sites V1, 6 & 7 and 7 to 75, new power at sites P1, 2, 9 & 10 and update panels in the pavilions) on April 17th with the bids being due on April 30th. The bids can then be reviewed at the Parks May 6th meeting and present the County Board with the recommended bid on May 14th with the project commencing on May 20th or before. All were in favor – Jason will oversee the proper procedure to make this happen.
- 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.
- e. **Added Parking at Shakey Lakes Boat Launch** – Jim Quist will do a walk through with Darrell Moilanen from the Road Commission to see about taking the grade down on the hill and filling in by the boat launch and making a circle drive to add more parking for vehicles and trailers.
- f. **List of Accomplishments over the last 5 years.** A list of accomplishments was attached to the meeting packet. Kathy Branz added to the list and will email everyone the latest list. If anyone has any other items to add notify Kathy.
- g. **Porches/decks on lease sites** – at this time there is only one campsite interested so we are going to deny.
- h. **Solid Waste container bids – Shakey Lakes and Kleinke** – The bid ads were placed in the Menominee County Journal and the Luft's Advertiser with 2 bids coming in. The bids were presented to the County Board for containers at Shakey Lakes, River and Kleinke Parks.

8. **Correspondence:** None.

9. **Any other item Members Wish to Present:** Larry Phelps asked about the 4 rustic sites we talked about last year for the North end of Kleinke Park. Karen Kayser stated our permit for Kleinke is for 35 sites and with those that were removed to enlarge some smaller ones we now have 31. A motion by Larry Phelps to add the 4 rustic sites supported by Mike Kass with all in favor. The DEQ license will have to be reviewed to verify the number. Karen also said the maps will have to be updated for next year to stay in compliance with the DEQ permits as we have added and updated electrical sites at Shakey Lakes and we could then include the 4 rustics at Kleinke. Jim Quist said he can add numbered stakes at Kleinke as the sites are self-explanatory.

Mike Kass stated there is now a Facebook page for the parks. It is Menominee County Parks.

Bill Cech said he talked to Zach regarding the kayak fishing derby and Zach would like to have a demonstration at the Fair due to the large crowd for registration for the tournament which will be held on July 27th. Kathy Branz stated that Colleen Van Ells would have to be contacted to correct the information she was given in March. Bill Cech said he will contact her.

10. **Public Comment:** None.

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11. Adjournment – Motion by Mike Kass to adjourn supported by Dick Peterson with all in favor at 7:55 PM

12. Next meeting will be at Bailey Park on M35 on May 6th at 6 P.M.