

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair, Bob Desjarlais at the Annex in Stephenson.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Dick Peterson, Kathy Branz, Mike Kass County Commissioners Bill Cech and Larry Phelps and County Administrator Sherry DuPont. Excused were Vola Bleile. Others present were Jim Quist, Karen Kayser, Collen Van Ells (Morning Dove Productions), Noreen Johnson, Kathy Coppock and Jerry Pische.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Kathy Branz; support by Mike Kass to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Mike Kass to approve the December 4, 2017 minutes; second by Dick Peterson. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Noreen Johnson reported that since the last meeting, they received an anonymous donation of \$18,000 to help the cost of the septic system and new building at Bailey Park. They hope to do the septic system and pour the slab with these funds in the spring. Kathy Coppock stated her husband is thrilled with the no motorized vehicles on the beach sign. They seem to be working.

Business:

- a. Colleen Van Ells – Morning Dove Productions presented her ideas for the 2018 TV ads. She passed out a handout with the background of Polka! Polka! Polka! and stated a lot of listeners are now recording the show and sending it to family members and friends across the US. This is spreading our advertising way beyond expectations. The promotional ads for the Menominee County Parks & Campgrounds start the first Sunday in April and run for 26 weeks.

Colleen spoke with Eric and Lori from the Fair Board and wanted to know how we wanted to incorporate the Fair into our ads. She stated these could be separate ads for the Fair if they wanted to pay for the ads.

Colleen also stated they have a very active Website and have incorporated YouTube on the web. These ads are now going to be shown to viewers of the YouTube which will supply even more exposure.

Bill mentioned that the rustic camping should also be mentioned.

Dick mentioned that with the electrical updates we can now accommodate campers over 35' and up to 50'.

Colleen stated there will be no charge for YouTube at this time. Bob asked that a calendar of events be placed on the YouTube or website stating what is available each weekend – Michigan free fishing, Fair, Kayak fishing, and any other events taking place.

A motion by Mike to recommend to the County Commissioners to pay the invoice for Morning Dove Productions supported by Kathy. All were in favor.

- b. Election of Officers: Bob turned the meeting over to Sherry. A motion by Dick to nominate Bob as Chairman supported by Kathy. No other nominations – all were in favor. Bob Desjarlais is Chair. Sherry then turned the meeting back to Bob.

A nomination by Bill for Dick as Vice-Chair supported by Mike. No other nominations – all were in favor. Dick Peterson is Vice-Chair. A nomination by Bill for Kathy as Secretary supported by Mike. No other nominations – all were in favor. Kathy Branz is Secretary.

- c. Parks Committee Bylaws/Charter/rules & policies: A motion by Larry to move forward until the next meeting supported by Mike. All in favor.
- d. Park Rules: A motion by Larry to move forward until the next meeting supported by Mike. All in favor.
- e. Opening bids for the following RFQ's:

- Lawnmower for parks:

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| Linsmeier, Menominee Implement, | Model 329B | \$8,480.40 |
| (Both Grasshopper) | Model 227VEFI | \$6,938.10 |
| Jake's Sales, Beaver Wi – | Hustler Model 936286 | \$7,399.99 |
| | Hustler Model 938050 | \$5,599.99 |
| Menominee Ind. Supply (Men.)– | Pro Turn Model 992269 | \$9,243.04 |
| Cozzys, Marinette – (5yr war or 1400 hrs) | | |
| | Toro Model 74960-6000 | \$9,779.00 |
| Mid County Small Eng,(Steph) | SnapperPRO S200xt | \$7,500.00 |
| Northgate, Escanaba | John Deere Z950M Ztrak | \$8,300.00 |
| | John Deere (same) w/mulch on demand | \$8,900.00 |
| Riesterer & Schnell, Pound | John Deere Z950M Ztrak | \$8,480.00 |
| | John Deere Z945M EFI | \$8,741.00 |
| Ward's, Dollar Bay Wood's | FZ28K WOOW | \$14,900.00 |

A motion by Bob for Dick and Jim to narrow down to 3-4 bids to be decided in March supported by Kathy with all in favor

- 2 – dual 50 amp Pedestals on big blacktop

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| Twin City (4 pedestals needed) | \$14,515.00 |
| Solanders Electric (4 pedestals) | \$6,300.00 |
| First Contracting | \$15,900.00 |

A motion by Dick to recommend to the County Board, Solander's at \$6,300 supported by Kathy with all in favor.

- Rewire Fair Building with a 200 amp service and new lights
 - Twin City \$14,110.00
 - Solander's 25 receptacles 6 LED lites, storage area \$11,615.00
 - First Contracting \$14,900.00

A motion by Dick to recommend to the County Board Solanders at \$11,615.00 supported by Mike with all in favor.

f. 2018 Parks price list – question regarding gift certificates. A motion by Bob to follow the price list as is and no gift certificates supported by Mike with all in favor.

g. Other Discussion Items

- Timber Cutting Update: Jim reported that Shakey Lake's is done. There are approximately 4 loads to haul. Jim said it looks really good where they are done. They have not started anywhere else as of yet.

- Annual Park Passes-Availability of passes prior to first of year (Christmas gifts) Consensus to leave as is, as you do not know who the pass is for re: Senior price vs Regular price.

- Left over firewood: General discussion not a good idea at this time. Bob also stated it was part of the cutting agreement to leave the brush piles for small species.

Bailey deed was also questioned at this time if we could cut. Noreen stated the deed was done in 1923 along with Kleinke and River and stated there needed to be upkeep of the parks and improvements. As the cutting is to be done for walking trails on the West side of Bailey this should suffice. Sherry said she will check into the deed.

h. 2017/2018 Monthly Budget Review: Check the total paid for the timber and the breakdown by park to be removed from the budget and put under Timber Cutting. The sheet for the Improvement Fund Balance was missing and Sherry will send that out. A motion by Mike to approve the budget supported by Bill. All in favor.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Public Comment: Zach, from Wind Rose North Outfitters said he attended a Fishing Derby at Mason Park. There were 55 registered fishermen and over 100 people present. They had food, gave away an ice auger and flasher. The purpose was to break even and find the interest in the sport. Mason Park has a great opportunity to

promote fishing. Larry Smith Outdoors – Green Bay would be a good source for promoting this.

He stated that fishing in Menominee County is a very large draw to the tourist, both winter and summer. The area supports bass and walleye fishing but is lax in pan fish such as blue gills, perch, sun fish and crappie. He said he would like to see language in our five year plan to support fishing, as well as in the Counties Five Year Plan. Next month he will bring in a formal statement to include in our plan.

Kathy stated that the DNR still had some grant money available and would look for the web site and send it to Larry.

We are still looking at a date for the Kayak Fishing Tournament based on the light weekends that Karen indicated. Pick a date so we can get it to Colleen for promotion.

Charlene stated it is on the Agenda to review the County Master Plan this year.

Larry said the reason Zach was here is Larry is on the Economic Development and he felt this was a great opportunity to promote growth in the County.

A question came up on why fees are not charged in the winter for park usage. The biggest reason is it is not worth it because people then start accessing the parks through private property.

The DNR is now checking scales on the fish in Michigan Lakes to check on the aging of different species.

Bob stated that Vola has been reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Committee for 3 years.

A motion to adjourn by Mike supported by Kathy at 8:35PM with all in favor.