

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at the Annex in Stephenson, MI on December 3, 2012.

Reporting for roll call were: Vola Bleile, Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, Gail Jerzyk, Glenn Cody, County Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Commissioners Charlie Meintz and Mark Jasper. There was a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

Approval of agenda: A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Vola. The motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Ruby to approve the minutes from the last meeting that was seconded by Vola. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Ruby stated that she had been contacted by one of the long-term campers at Kleinke Park who complained about the increase in camping rates for out of state patrons and the electrical surcharge that had been approved by the board at its last meeting.

Business:

- a. **Monthly Budget Review:** Brian distributed copies of the most recent budget for the board's perusal and comment. There was a question concerning income from fair storage at Shakey Lakes Park. Brian commented that this was an item in need of review.
- b. **Park Ranger/Park Manager Updates:** Brian reported that the parks had all been winterized, and that the maintenance crew was busy with various projects.
- c. **Project Update:** Brian reported that Menominee County Building Inspector Dan Menacher would soon inspect the new roofs on the pit toilets. He also reminded the committee that there were still several concerns regarding the quality of construction at the new bathhouse at Shakey Lakes Park. Charlie suggested that the entire committee inspect the facility together. It was agreed to hold a special meeting beginning at 3:00 pm. on December 17, 2012 at Shakey Lakes Park to assess and discuss the items of concern.
- d. **Parks Update:** Brian announced that we were "still in the running" concerning our grant application for improvements at River Park. A decision is expected shortly.
- e. **Lease Program/Lease Policies and Procedures:** Brian reported that the lease rates proposed by the parks board at its last meeting had been approved by the county commissioners. However, the commissioners did decide to reinstate the free admittance for Menominee County residents who were age 70 years or older.
- f. **Park Rules:** Brian distributed the latest edition of the park rules that contained

revisions agreed upon at the last meeting. Another document entitled "Menominee County Parks Seasonal Lease Campsites: Policies and Procedures" was reviewed by the board. Brian requested that the board help determine exactly what constitutes a "water site". It was decided that a campsite be designated as a "water site" if there are no obstructions between the campsite and the water. The new regulations also allow the county administrator/ park superintendent to reject a lease renewal for the succeeding and all subsequent seasons. Glenn suggested that this power be qualified to refer to any leasee who has jeopardized the safety and/or well-being of other campers and park patrons or who intentionally seeks to upset the harmony of the park. Mark offered a motion that was seconded by Vola to refer all of the rule changes to the Board of Commissioners for its consideration. The motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

Any Other Items Members Wish to Present: Mark Jasper, outgoing county commissioner, was recognized for his exemplary service on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Ruby reminded the committee that training for next season's camp host needed to be addressed soon.

Vola offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Gail. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody