

# Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at the Annex in Stephenson, MI on February 4, 2013.

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

**Approval of agenda:** A motion was made by Ruby and seconded by James. The motion carried.

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

**Public Comment:** Kandace Curran, Menominee County Fair Board President reported that she had contacted eight other storage facilities in the area. The rates charged by the committee for storage at Shakey Lakes Park were lower than most but almost the same as that charged by the Michigan State Fairgrounds in Escanaba. Bob suggested that the current rate be increased to \$1.00 per square foot. No action was taken. Kandace also announced that the 2013 fair would be held on July 19 through July 21.

### Business:

- a. **Monthly Budget Review:** Brian distributed copies of the latest budget for the board's perusal and comment. He reported that the bottom-line remains fine; income and expenditures were in line for this time of year. Several members of the committee requested clarification of a few items which Brian provided.
- b. **Camp Host Program:** The committee continued its discussion of the program initiated at the previous meeting. Bob reviewed several of the issues that had occurred in the previous season, and the committee then considered several suggestions to improve the program for the coming season. Brian reminded the committee that the Board of Commissioners would vote on whether or not to approve the continuation of the program later this month. James suggested that we not expect the camp host to be both a welcoming figure and an enforcer of the rules; enforcement should be the responsibility of the park rangers and the police only. Bob suggested that the committee contact the Michigan Department of Resources for a list of available camp hosts. Other suggestions included improving the pre-season training for the camp host, providing an official shirt for the host(s) and clarifying the responsibilities. Ruby made a motion that Brian be authorized to begin placing advertisements for the position that was seconded by James. The motion carried.
- c. **Parks Projects / DNR Grants:** Brian announced that the county would be applying for a DNR grant again this year to improve the boat launching area at Stoney Point. There

will be a public input session following the next meeting of the committee on February 4 at the Annex in Stephenson. Brian also reported that the parks crew is working on the installation of trim for the new bathhouse at Shakey Lakes Park.

- d. **Lease Program:** Brian reported that lease applications were starting to come in. He also referred a question to the committee from a non-resident concerning the increase in camping rates for the coming season. The question concerned whether or not a non-resident could claim resident status and therefore eligibility for resident camping rates, if he/she owns property in the county. The committee ruled that an individual must actually reside in the county in order to take advantage of resident camping rates. Brian also referred an offer from a long-term camper at Shakey Lakes Park to donate money for park improvements from a fund that a group of campers use to organize a party at the end of each season.
- e. **Deputy in the Park Program:** Brian reported that the program is in the process of being updated for the coming season, specifically guidelines for the officer in residence.
- f. **Parks Website/Advertisements:** Brian announced that the website is being updated for the coming season. Copies of the 2011 place mats with advertising from local businesses were distributed to the committee. Last year, the ads were transferred to the new website, and there was no charge to the sponsors for the 2012 season. This year, the committee decided to request \$25 for each ad featured on the website. The list of sponsors was distributed among the members of the committee so that each business could be contacted before the next meeting.

There was no correspondence.

**Any Other Items Members Wish to Present:** There were no additional items.

Charlie offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Ruby. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody