

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Bob Desjarlais at the Stephenson Annex Building in Stephenson, MI on March 5, 2012.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, Vola Bleile, Glenn Cody, County Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Commissioners Charlie Meintz and Mark Jasper. Al Thompson, Buildings and Ground Supervisor also attended the meeting. 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: Minutes from the previous meeting on February 6, 2012 were approved. Vola made the motion that was seconded by Mark. The motion carried.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Business:

- a. **Budget Review:** Brian distributed copies of the most recent budget and stated that the bottom line remains fine. There was no further discussion.
- b. **Resolution for River Park DNR Grant:** Brian announced that the DNR was offering matching grants for park improvements; the county would be responsible for only 25% of the cost of the project. The grant application must be submitted by April 2, 2012. Brian suggested that the committee consider improving River Park, specifically a well, a well house, and bringing power to the park. Bob suggested that we apply for a grant from Hannahville to augment the DNR grant. Mark made a motion to move forward with the DNR grant procedure that was seconded by Vola. The motion carried.
- c. **Setting Date for Public Input Session for DNR Grant:** Brian suggested that the committee hold the Public Input Session on March 21, 2012 beginning at 5:00 pm. The date was approved pending the availability of the Menominee County Annex in Stephenson. Brian also reminded the committee of the need to secure letters of support for the project from various local organizations.
- d. **Projects:** Brian announced that Dan Menacher was working on the bidding process for the Shakey Lakes Bathhouse project. Al Thompson informed the committee that he had been approached by representatives from the Back 40 Project and that the project directors have expressed an interest in helping to fund improvements at Shakey Lakes Park. They would like a "wish list" from the committee. Two fishing piers and an electrical upgrade were two of the suggestions from committee members. Action was tabled until the next meeting.

- e. **Camp Host – Kleinke Park:** Brian announced that the Menominee County Board of Commissioners had approved the project. It was suggested that camp hosts be in place at the park beginning with the Memorial Day weekend and extending until Labor Day. It is now time to advertise for suitable candidates. It was also suggested that the camp hosts attend our committee meetings each month.
- f. **Deputy site at Shakey Lakes Park:** Brian agreed to develop a policy for allocating one campsite at Shakey Lakes Park to one of the county deputies. Charlie made a motion authorizing Brian to develop a policy that was seconded by Vola. The motion carried.
- g. **Parks Website:** Brian announced that the work on the website is progressing, but that the developer needs business information from the local area so that park patrons can be aware of what's available. It was suggested that those businesses that had purchased advertising space on the park campsite directories in the past be included on the new website for one year at no charge.
- h. **Park Ranger/Park Manager Updates:** Al commented that park employees are busy with various projects in advance of the 2012 season. He also recommended that the parks keep their own usable lumber rather than sell it to the highest bidder.
- i. **Acknowledgment:** The committee received a request that Mark Ubert, a former member of the Parks and Recommendation Committee, be officially commended for his 14 years of service. Bob made a motion that the committee approve this commendation that would then be forwarded to the Menominee County Board of Commissioners for further action. Vola seconded that motion. The motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

II. Any Other Items Members Wish to Present: Glenn reported that he had attended a training session regarding mason bees and that fragmities could be harvested as habitat.. It was suggested that Glenn write an informational item for the new website.

Charlie offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Bob. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody