

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at the Annex in Stephenson, MI on May 6, 2013.

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

Approval of agenda: A motion was made by Glenn and seconded by Charlie. The motion carried.

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

Public Comment:

Kandace Curran, Menominee County Fair Manager, expressed the need for exterior lighting on the fair pavilion, especially between the pavilion and the neighboring structure. Bob suggested that the park maintenance crew could install a pole with lights to illuminate the area between the two buildings.

Steve Sobe, Menominee County resident and long-term camper at Shakey Lakes Park, expressed two concerns regarding the new bath house. First, the concrete in the bathroom floors needed to be sealed immediately; otherwise odors could penetrate the concrete permanently. Second, camping vehicles approaching the bathhouse near the well-casing area might strike the corner eaves of the building. He offered to supply a bicycle rack for the area, that strategically placed, would encourage vehicles to remain at a safe distance from the structure.

Mickey Plautsch, Menominee County resident and long-term camper at Klenke Park, expressed her concern that the horseshoe pits were located too far away from the park pavilion. As a result, they are rarely used. In addition, she asked whether the 25 trees that were cut down in the camping area during the past few years might be replaced.

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. **Parks Projects /Grants:** Brian reported that the new bath house at Shakey Lakes Park was to be inspected on May 7. A plumbing inspection is also still needed. Alger-Delta Electric Cooperative Electric Association will begin the line upgrade along G-12 including the branch to Shakey Lakes Park sometime in mid May. Brian also reported that the grant check for projects at River Park would be arriving soon. He will also ask

the Hannahville Indian Community for additional funding. A call for bids for the well and electrical work will be issued shortly. As soon as the well is installed, four campsites can be established.

- c. **Lease Program:** Brian reported that there were three long-term campsites still available. He expects that they will be reserved in short order.
- d. **Parks Website/Advertisements:** Brian announced that the website has been updated for the 2013 camping season. Invoices will soon be mailed out to businesses that purchased advertising slots.
- e. **Vendors/Concessionaires in Parks:** A request to operate a food truck at Kleinke Park was received from a vendor and approved at the previous meeting. Since that time however, there has been no contact with the vendor.
- f. **Park Ranger / Park Manager Updates:** Brian remarked that there was nothing of interest to report.

Correspondence: None

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

Charlie offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Vola. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody