

Menominee County Park and Recreation Committee  
June 13, 2007  
Minutes

Members Present: Mark Aubert, Bill Kakuk, Vola Bleile, and Michael Lyons

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mark Aubert at 6:02 p.m.

A motion made by Bleile and seconded by Kakuk to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion made by Kakuk and seconded by Bleile to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Wery stated that 8 bids were received for stump removal in the park. The lowest bid was by Tickler Firewood. They can begin work after the County Fair in July.

Mr. Wery met with Karen Hubbard, the fair manager, to discuss issues dealing with the fair. Mr. Wery felt the meeting was good. The fair has agreed to clean and sanitize animal cages and work with the park rangers to clean up sawdust and manure after the fair.

The grant submitted for the horse arena was declined this time around. Mr. Wery will resubmit the grant for the September round of funding. The grant was for \$15,000.

Mr. Wery updated the board on two cases of vandalism in the Shakey Lakes Park. A vandal ran over 15 maple trees. A suspect was identified and that suspect has paid some money to take care of the damage. Mr. Wery has notified the State Police and they have investigated the incident. The suspect is in negotiations Mr. Wery to pay for the damages and put in some work time to offset county expenses. The cost of the vandalism was around \$500.

The second incident was to windows at the bath house. The windows have been replaced with cement blocks. There was about \$340 in damage. No suspect has been identified.

Mr. Wery brought to the committee's attention that the concession stand is not open at this point. He has been in contact with the owners and they were to open for the Memorial Day weekend. This has not happened. He will check into the situation and see if there is a clause in their contract to help deal with this situation. He will talk with the county prosecutor about this problem.

Chairman Aubert felt that we need to look into getting vending machines out to the park to help with the problem. Mr. Wery will look into the possibilities for the park. He also feels we need to address the building issue and asked Mr. Wery to check with the prosecutor about our options. The committee felt that there needs to be some language in the future with penalties if the stand isn't open.

Mr. Wery address the weed issue at Kleinke Park. He has discussed the issue with the DEQ and they state that we need to pay for a \$50 permit to cut the weeds. Mr. Wery has discussed the donation offer and the person has agreed to give us until October 30, 2007 to help come up with a solution. Mr. Wery will discuss the options with the county board and let the committee know what was decided upon.

Motion by Kakuk and seconded by Bleile to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried.