

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at the Annex in Stephenson, MI on January 7, 2013.

Reporting for roll call were: Vola Bleile, Bob Desjarlais, Ruby Ivens, Gail Jerzyk, Glenn Cody, County Administrator Brian Bousley, and County Commissioner Charlie Meintz. Al Thompson, Building and Grounds Supervisor, was also in attendance. There was a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

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

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

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Business:

a. Election of Officers:

President: Ruby made a motion to nominate Bob Desjarlais for president that was seconded by Charlie. The motion carried.

Vice President: Ruby made a motion to nominate Charlie Meintz for vice president that was seconded by Vola. The motion carried.

Secretary: Ruby made a motion to nominate Glenn Cody for secretary that was seconded by Charlie. The motion carried.

- b. Joint Meeting with the Fair Board:** Several members of the committee commended President Kandace Curran and the Fair Board for their efforts in organizing the event each year. Kandace reiterated her goal that the fair continue to be profitable. She stated that the date for the 2013 fair has not yet been set, but that most probably the event will take place during the third or fourth week of July. There was a brief discussion concerning an increase in the storage rate at Shakey Lakes Park that is currently \$.85 per square foot. Bob asked for input from the Fair Board since they are one of the park patrons that would be affected by the increase. Kandace promised to check on storage rates at other facilities in the area and to discuss the matter further with the entire Fair Board. Kandace requested that the Parks and Recreation Committee consider replacing the doors on the east side of the storage facility. Bob mentioned that the building was also in need of an electrical upgrade.

- c. **Monthly Budget Review:** Brian distributed copies of the most recent budget for the board's perusal and comment. He reported that the budget is in order and suggested that the fund equity, currently at \$49,772,14 , be dedicated to an electrical upgrade at Shakey Lakes Park.

Bob asked for comments from the committee regarding the tour of the new bathhouse at Shakey Lakes Park. Several members were concerned about many of the deficiencies identified during the tour including prominent cracks in the wall and irregular mortar joints.

- d. **Camp Host Program:** The committee discussed making changes to last year's program in an effort to avoid some of the difficulties experienced during the first year of operation including:
- Designate a more suitably-located campsite for the camp host that would be closer to the park entrance.
 - Establish a dress code for the camp host.
 - Inform the park patrons in advance concerning the camp host's responsibilities.
 - Check with the DNR for a list of approved camp hosts at state parks.
 - Restrict each camp host's tenure to just one month.

Brian requested that the committee review the documents for the program prior to further discussion at the next meeting.

- e. **Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad Personnel Free Camping Weekend:** The committee discussed various options for continuing the program including a request that the various organizations involved assist in identifying eligible members. No action was taken.
- f. **Park Projects/DNR Grants:** Brian reported that the grant application for a well, well house, and an electrical upgrade at River Park had been approved by the DNR pending sufficient funding appropriation from the state legislature. Concerning future grant applications, Brian suggested that the committee consider improvements at the Stoney Point boat launch.
- g. **Lease Program:** Brian reported that everything looks good.
- h. **Deputy in the Park Program:** The committee discussed establishing some guidelines for this year's program in cooperation with the Sheriff's Department.

There was no correspondence.

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

Gail offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Vola. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody