

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at the Annex in Stephenson, MI on January 12, 2015.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Vola Bleile, Ruby Ivens, Glenn Cody, County Commissioner John Cech, and County Administrator Brian Bousley. There was a quorum present to conduct the meeting.

Approval of agenda: . A motion was made by Bob to approve the agenda that was seconded by Vola. The motion carried.

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

Business:

- a. **Election of Officers for 2015:** The following committee members were nominated and elected by acclamation:

President: Bob Desjarlais

Vice President: Vola Bleile

Secretary: Glenn Cody

- b. **Meeting Schedule/Bylaws:** Brian distributed copies of the 2015 meeting schedule for the Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee. He also offered one additional inclusion to the committee bylaws stating that members of the committee could request \$50.00 in compensation for each meeting they attended.
- c. **Monthly Budget Review:** Brian distributed copies of the latest budget for the committee's perusal and review. Several questions concerning clarification of specific items were raised and answered. Brian commented that the budget looked good at this point, and that both income and expenditures were "right on par for this time of year".
- d. **Parks Projects/Grants:** Bob requested that the committee consider installing four campsites at Longrie Park in the near future. Brian suggested that this project could be part of next year's grant request. The committee discussed the proposal in some detail. Glenn suggested that all bordering private property owners be consulted before any development plans were finalized. Bob discussed the need for a consulting forester to compile an inventory of any marketable timber on the property that could help offset the cost of the proposed development. Tom Schrot, local resident and consulting forester, was present and offered several comments concerning how such an inventory might be undertaken. Dick Peterson, local resident also in attendance, suggested that all harvestable trees be properly marked before submitting a request for bids. Bob made a

motion seconded by Ruby that the committee hire a forestry consultant to conduct an inventory of marketable timber at Longrie Park. The motion passed.

- e. **Lease Program:** Brian reported that the changes to the lease policy suggested by the committee in December had been approved by the Menominee County Board of Commissioners. March 1 was now the established deadline for full payment of seasonal campsites, and seasonal car passes must be affixed to the vehicle's windshield. The license plate number of the vehicle associated with each pass will also be recorded at the time of registration.
- f. **County Recreation Plan:** Brian distributed copies of the current recreation plan and reminded the committee that it could also be accessed on-line. He encouraged the committee to review the plan for future discussion and to develop questions for the public survey component. No action was taken.
- g. **Park Ranger/Park Manager Update:** Brian reminded the committee that Jim Quist is the only park ranger still on duty at this time of year. Jim had been able to attend the first part of the meeting and presented several bat house prototypes that he had constructed.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: Local resident Dick Peterson encouraged the committee to “get the ball rolling on the new electrical transformers for Shakey Lakes Park”. He also suggested that the committee consider establishing a few larger campsites that could accommodate recreational vehicles of 40 ft. in length.

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

Vola offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Glenn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody