Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at the Annex in Stephenson, MI on March 2, 2015.

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

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

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

Business:

a. **Park Ranger / Park Manager Update:** Park Ranger Jim Quist addressed the committee concerning the number of workers allocated to maintain the parks this summer. He distributed copies of the various daily tasks that park employees are responsible for each day. A misunderstanding concerning a total of three vs. four employees had been clarified before the meeting. Jim will maintain the parks this summer with three additional employees. Jim also discussed some of the unusual cleaning situations he and his staff can expect to encounter during the season. Brian discussed the new open camping registration date including the particulars of the registration process.

b. **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 in line for this time of year.

c. **Bylaws:** Brian distributed copies of the updated bylaws that reflect the change in R96-11 that allows committee members to receive a $50 stipend per meeting in addition to the IRS mileage rate.

d. **Parks Projects/Grants**:

aa. Forestry Plan: Brian submitted copies of information that he had received from Upper Michigan Land Management and Wildlife Services concerning a possible timber harvest in order to fund the construction of primitive campsites at Londrie Park. No action was taken.

bb. 2% Grants: Brian reported that he had submitted three grant proposals on behalf of the park system: an $18,000 request to help cover the costs of transformers and

pedestals for the electrical upgrade at Shakey Lakes Park, a request for funding to help enclose the ceiling of the picnic pavilion at Shakey Lakes Park, and a request funding to purchase additional picnic tables.

e. **Lease Program:** Brian reported that there were a few long-term campsites still available.

f. **County Recreation Plan:** Brian reminded the committee that the public surveys for the County Recreation Plan needed to be revised. This will be discussed at future meetings.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None

Any Other Items Members Wish to Present: Bill presented a suggestion from Kim Swill concerning the importance of making sure that all dogs in the parks be current on their vaccinations. It was further suggested that this information be added to signs in the parks. Brian agreed to research the matter further. Brian also suggested that the committee consider reinstating the "Deputy in the Park"program from a few seasons ago. A reduced rate would be offered to a local officer who would camp at the park on a frequent basis. Dick offered a motion that the program be reinstated that was seconded by Vola. The motion carried.

Vola offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Ruby. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody