

## **Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee**

### **Public Hearing**

**April 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5 PM by Chair, Bob Desjarlais at the Stephenson Annex in Stephenson, Michigan on April 12, 2016. Pledge to Allegiance was led by Bob.

Bob read the Park Rules.

Charlene Peterson, Lake Township, was delighted with the Five Year Recreation Plan 2016 – 2020 as presented. She stated it was well done – updated – and fit in nicely with the County master plan.

Motion made by Dick Peterson and seconded by Bill Cech to recommend approval of the Five Year Recreation Plan 2016- 2020 and forward to the County Board for final approval. All were in favor.

A motion by Bill Cech and seconded by Dick Peterson to close public comment. All were in favor.

A motion by Dick Peterson to adjourn and seconded by Bill Cech to adjourn the public meeting. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14pm.

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## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair, Bob Desjarlais at the Stephenson Annex in Stephenson, Michigan on April 12, 2016.

Reporting for roll all were: County Commissioners Bill Cech, County Administrator Brian Bousley, Dick Peterson, Kathy Branz and Bob Desjarlais. Excused were Ruby Ivens, Vola Bleile and Commissioner James Furlong.

**Approval of agenda:** Dick made a motion that was seconded by Bill to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Bill to approve the minutes from the last meeting that was seconded by Dick. All in favor.

**Public Comments:** Noreen Johnson of N466 M35 Menominee, and the Fishing Museum said the Forestry Plan was well thought out and needs to be done. The lanes to the beach at Bailey are a great idea, but she made a suggestion that something has to be done to protect the sand dunes – with logs, chains to picnic tables and widening the road to the park along with the lane to the museum.

She also asked about the Ash trees and was told they would take the lives ones and leave the dead ones for wildlife and birds. Another concern was the size of the machinery being used so as not to do extensive damage. Brian told her that we were looking into that. Also, across the road only the ridge would be logged and the swamp would be left alone. The tops would be used for the machinery to drive on so deep rutting would be avoided, then left as brush piles for the rabbits. Trees 5" and under would be left for regeneration.

Jim Quist asked when the road into the museum is widened would it be to the East and also should the North entrance be widened? They will meet with Jim and explain their ideas.

### **Business:**

- a. The meeting schedule/Bylaws/Park Rules approved as presented with a motion by Bill and seconded by Dick. All were in favor.
- b. Park Ranger/Manager Updates: All work is done – the roof on the pavilion and the toilets have been changed out. At River Park gravel is done the picnic tables are installed. Meeting at Shakey Lakes on April 25<sup>th</sup> for reservations from 7AM to 3PM. The four vacated seasonal sites have been filled, one leasee still has to pay. Roughly sixty are still on the waiting list.

Bob suggested a lottery every 5 years for the water front lots. That way someone else would have a chance instead of the same people for 10 years or more. Something to think about.

Dick suggested we move forward on the 4 sites at Bass Lake. Also, at Kleinke, Jim has to renumber the sites inspection. Four by the pavilion will be \$250 for site review for next year.

c. Monthly budget review indicated Shakey Lakes lease revenues were at 98% (awaiting \$1,250 payment), two sites at Kleinke Park were double booked (requested by 2 different campers). The park policy is the camper requesting the site for a longer term will be awarded the site

d. Awaiting approval from the County Board on reducing the rate at Kleinke to \$20 from \$24.

The work van has been available for cleanup at the parks and is going well.

Revenues are currently at 41.71% and expenses are at 27.79%.

e. Park Projects/Grants: Stoney Point project received two bids on the boat ramp replacement, and two bids for the re-graveling the parking lot and the road. Both bids received were under our anticipated cost. The Fishing Club will put the dock in. The dock would be pulled for the project and reinstalled and would be out for approximately out for one week.

Phragmites should not be disturbed during this project and will be treated later this year.

f. Five Year Recreation Plan 2016 – 2020: A motion to move our recommended Five Year Plan to the County Commissioners for approval by Dick and seconded by Bill. All were in favor.

H. Correspondence – None

I. Any other Item Members Wish to Present – None

J. Public Comment – None

K. Adjournment – Motion by Bill to adjourn, seconded by Dick with all in favor.