

# Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Vice Chair, Dick Peterson at Bailey Park.

**Reporting for roll call were:** County Commissioner Larry Phelps and Bill Cech, Dick Peterson, Kathy Branz, Vola Bleile and Mike Kass. Excused were Bob Desjarlais.

**Approval of agenda:** Motion by Kathy; support by Vola to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Motion by Bill to approve the March 6, 2017 minutes; second by Larry. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** John Kollross asked if walking trails could be established along the water. Noreen Johnson stated that they would like to expand the walking trails through the woods. John also stated he was worried about what kind of impact the mine was going to have on the camping, especially at Shakey Lakes.

John and Jean Kollross and Ilene Berhend stated they would like to volunteer to help out at Bailey with the walking trails. Noreen told them they meet on Wednesday's at 9AM.

### **Business:**

- a. Carriage House Roof: Noreen Johnson asked if a new roof could be put on the carriage house. The current roof is 18 years old. Dick, Bill and Kathy looked at the roofing prior to the meeting and the shingles are disintegrating and crumbling off. Noreen noted that the conference room was shingled approximately 3 years ago through an allocation from the county and the house was patched through insurance due to hail damage. Bill noted that the inside has not been affected as of yet but would need more information regarding when the hail damage was so he can take it to the finance committee.
- b. Forestry update: Dean Francis and Todd completed the GPS work and Lenca has completed the surveying. Dean submitted a summation of the acres, species and quantity to be cut. This totals approximately 140 acres with Shakey Lakes being the largest cut and Longrie being the smallest. There will be about 1,900 cords harvested.

Dick explained that the forester will monitor what is to be cut and what not to cut. The harvesting is being determined by damaged trees, mature trees and spruce and balsam (due to the bore worm). He also stated that Dean Francis has worked with 65 plus bidders over the past 30 plus years. He will

determine who receives the bid and make sure the payments are done as per the bid. The contract is for 24 months, if an extension is needed the forester will determine how long. Otherwise the 20% of the bid is to be paid within 14 days of signing and full payment prior to cutting. If no cutting occurs 40% will be paid at the 6 month period and final payment will be 12 months from execution of the contract.

If the above is not carried out there will be a 5% extension fee of the remaining uncut timber sale value for the first year and 10% extension fee of the remaining uncut timber sale value for each year until project is complete.

- c. Update of park lease/camping site rentals for 2017: Karen Kaiser reported on the lease activity for 2017. Last Monday, April 24, 2017 Karen received 284 reservations. Shakey Lakes campground is full for Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and the fair. There are still a few openings for Labor Day.

At present there are 45 seasonal reservations for Shakey Lakes. Five have been removed from the waiting list but there are still 68 waiting. At this time there are 3 or 4 5 month leases at Kleinke, 1-2 four month leases and 1 – 1 month lease.

Dick spoke with Jim Quist and the parks opened today, May 1, 2017. The electric has been replaced on sites 40-57 and installed on sites 3-7 at Shakey Lakes (work by Twin City – did a great job). All but 17 sites have power, the cleanup is complete and the water is tested. Jim is looking for one more summer worker.

- d. Monthly Budget Review: Tabled until next month.
- e. Additional Projects:
  - 1. 4-H Building – this project will start next week and will take 1-2 weeks to complete. Picnic tables completed and put in place.
  - 2. The structure for shade for the playground at Shakey Lakes will be installed around Memorial Day.
  - 3. Picnic tables have been completed. The grant from Hannahville provided the metal frames and the Parks & Rec Committee provided the \$1,800, along with a donation of \$1,500 from the Shakey Lakes Association, for the wood to finish them. Jim used some of the wood that was left and revamped approximately 100 tables.

**Correspondence:** None

**Any other items Members wish to present:** Dick stated that in our handout was a copy of the ad for the timber sale bids. Dean Francis said he will have a slight variation to the wording prior to print.

**Public Comment:** John Kollross about the 4-H building and Dick explained that it is located at Shakey Lakes Park. It is 200 feet long and each panel will be 31'. In the winter this building generates income as it is used for camper storage.

John also asked about the mine situation and Dick explained that they have to meet State, County and Township rules and ordinances.

Noreen Johnson stated she wanted to give a big thank you to the work van for all the work they have done at Bailey Park. She said they were great helpers.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mike to adjourn; second by Vola. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.