

# Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair, Bob Desjarlais at River Park.

**Reporting for roll call were:** Dick Peterson, Kathy Branz, Vola Bleile and Mike Kass and Interim County Administrator Sherry DuPont. Excused were County Commissioners Bill Cech and Larry Phelps. Others present were Jim Quist, Karen Kayser and Noreen Johnson.

**Approval of agenda:** Motion by Dick Peterson; support by Mike Kass to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Motion by Mike Kass to approve the June 5, 2017 minutes; second by Vola Bleile. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None.

### **Business:**

- a. Concession Stand lease agreement: The lease is signed and Sherry DuPont stated that the county had received the check.
- b. Mike Kass recommended purchasing 10 "Pet Waste Transmits Diseases" signs at \$20 each, and 3 "County Park Ends Here" at \$60 each to be purchased from Pisani in Marinette. Jim Quist was in favor of the signs but asked not to put up a dispenser as all the plastic bags would be around the park. A motion by Kathy Branz to recommend to the County Commissioners to purchase above signs with a support by Vola Bleile. All were in favor.
- c. Quite hours in the parks – Non-Complaint campers: Karen Kayser reported there were several complains on Saturday, July 29 of loud noise all night in the park caused by a boom-box. This occurred at site #89 and was caused by a member of the family who was registered to another site. Dick Peterson stated this is a violation of Section 10 of the Park Ordinances which states quite hours are 11PM to 7AM. After much discussion it was decided to write a letter to the lease holder of site #89 that if this was to happen again they would lose their permanent site.

Dick Peterson made a motion to band the person who had the boom box for the remainder of the 2017 and all of 2018 camping season, supported by Kathy Branz with all in favor.

- d. Park Employees – Fair preparation/teardown workload. Karen Kayser stated that we had to pay extra hours during the fair (normally 43 hours this year 67 hours). In previous years the Fair Board would supply 2 people to help collect passes at the gate – the last two years they have not helped at all and this year they had one person on the first night.

Jim Quist stated there is a lot of extra hours in cleaning the building for the fair, setting up displays and extra grass cutting. He had four people from the Fair Board help with this, Glen Hanson, Doug & Mark Quick and his wife.

Sherry DuPont stated that the county gives the Fair Board \$6,000 for the fair (prizes) and \$4,000 to the Fair Board Manager. May be this should be looked into.

Jim stated to cut down on cost he took used material from the court house and used for the Fair set up. He also mounted to fans on wheels so they could be used where needed for the most effective air flow. The fans ran for three days straight. (Elect. Paid by Parks)

Another issue was the lack of clean up behind the animals. In years past it was the responsibility of the 4-H participant to keep their area clean. After much discussion Bob Desjarlais and Kathy Branz will send a letter to the Fair Board and 4-H clubs as input from the Fair Board.

- e. Open Bids for the 4-H Building Roof replacement. 3 bids were received: Wally's Carpentry \$36,500; G & S Roofing & Painting \$39,600 and Viau Architects and Builders \$47,700. Dick Peterson made a motion to recommend Wally's Carpentry (lowest, in line with previous bid), to be completed by October 1, 2017, supported by Mike Kass. Vola Bleile said to make sure there is no subcontracting – Sherry DuPont said it was in the bid specifications. It was also added to add \$100 per day if not completed by the date and approved. All were in favor.

Sherry DuPont stated that the material being removed from the roof would be returned to Justin Svinicki. It was suggested that maybe we could purchase some of this to be used on other buildings that could use new roofing (beach pavilion and bath house).

- f. Monthly Budget Review: Year to date shows the Park & Recreation at \$204,831.34 revenue and \$137,453.20 expenses for a plus of \$67,378.14. The budget show revenues of \$305,121.00 (at 67.3%) and expenses of \$273,962.00 (at 50.17%).
- g. Discussion of any additional items: Dick Peterson stated we need consideration of any future projects – naming rights (donations for buildings, etc) electric expansion at Shakey Lakes, rustic Cabins to be rented. He suggested we start looking for input from those using the parks. He also stated that our parks look wonderful and in checking with some of the neighbors of the parks all is going well.

**8. Correspondence:** None

**9. Any other items Members wish to present:** None

**10. Public Comment:** Noreen Johnson spoke on behalf of Bailey Park. They have had a good summer. They were having drainage problems on the exit driveway. A culvert was purchased from Wallace Lumber and installed by volunteers. This has helped the issue. There is no drainage by the Bay but they are keeping an eye on it. At this time they would like more exhibit space behind the gift shop. They would like this to include 2 restrooms, one with an outside entrance and one available from the inside. They have a septic permit which is good until 2019. Kosokoski gave them a price of \$1700 for a mound system. They also had the health inspector check an area by the woods and received approval to move the permit to cover this. Noreen will be looking into a DNR grant to help with this. An issue they have at the site is a Tar vat which was discovered in 1999 – 2000 from an Environmental Study done by White Water from Amasa. The Tar vat is like a silo and has hard tar in the vat along with some tar seepage where the nets were worked on. They did 20 samples at \$90 each for analysis.

Noreen will be looking into grants and holding a fund raiser to do the septic system.

**11. Adjournment:** Motion by Vola Bleile to adjourn; supported by Mike Kass. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.