

# Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Bob Desjarlais at Shakey Lakes Park on September 8, 2015.

Reporting for roll call were: Vola Bleile, Bob Desjarlais, 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:** . Following two additions to the agenda concerning the environmental report from Bailey Park and the nomination of Bob Desjarlais for a position on the County Planning Commission, a motion was made by Vola to approve the agenda that was seconded by Dick. The motion carried.

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

**Public Comment:** Noreen Johnson of the West Shore Fishing Museum offered her thanks to the park rangers for their work at the museum this summer.

Business:

- a. **Presentation by Kristi Steger and Katie Botsford – Tobacco Program – Delta-Menominee County Health Department:** Informational brochures were given to each member of the committee concerning the efforts of the health department to promote no-smoking bans in various parks and recreational facilities in the area. Ms. Steger and Ms. Botsford then briefly summarized the information and solicited questions from the committee. Bob suggested that the committee study the brochure prior to discussing it at the November meeting. No further action was taken.
- b. **Park Ranger/Park Manager Update:** Brian reported that the parks had received requests for complimentary camping from several members of various local fire departments. The rosters listing the active members of each fire department are not up to date, however, and it has become difficult to verify whether or not a potential camper is indeed a current fire department volunteer. Brian recommended that the committee consider disbanding the complimentary camping program for local firefighters for a couple of years.

Park Ranger Jim Quist reported that the nightly camping rates for the county parks now exceed the rates currently offered at Wells Park, a state facility. He recommended that the committee consider lowering its rates in order to attract more campers to the county parks. Bob suggested that the issue be discussed at the November meeting.

Bill reported that he had been in contact with Top Cut Carpentry to discuss options for repairing the

Fair Exhibit Building at Shakey Lakes Park. James suggested that an engineer first be engaged to compile a set of bid specifications for the project. Bob recommended that the issue be presented to the Menominee County Board of Commissioners for its consideration.

- 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 there was a slight decrease in camping revenue from Kleinke Park this year.
- d. **Parks Projects/ Grants:** Brian mentioned that there was nothing new to report this month.
- e. **Ecological Assessment for the West Shore Fishing Museum and Bailey Park:** Glenn suggested that the recommendations of this report be taken into serious consideration as the committee finalizes plans for selective logging projects at various county parks. The report highlighted the environmental value and fragile nature of Bailey Park in general and of the segment along the water to the east of Hwy M-35 in particular. Noreen Johnson and Beverly Johnson of the West Shore Fishing Museum discussed various aspects of the report. Since the forester who had compiled a logging feasibility study of the parks was unable to attend this meeting, the issue was tabled until the November meeting when more specific details would be available.
- f. **Nomination of Bob Dejarlais to the Menominee County Planning Commission:** James offered a motion seconded by Bill that the committee officially nominate Bob Desjarlais for the Tourism and Recreation position on the Menominee County Planning Commission. The motion passed and a letter of recommendation from the committee was presented and forwarded to the Menominee County Board of Commissioners.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Public Comment:** None

**Any Other Items Members Wish to Present:** Charlene Peterson expressed her thanks to Jim Quist for all of his work at Shakey Lakes Park this year.

James offered a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Dick. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn D. Cody