

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2017 - Corrected and approved 12.4.17

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair, Bob Desjarlais at the Stephenson Annex.

Reporting for roll call were: Bob Desjarlais, Dick Peterson, Kathy Branz, Mike Kass, County Commissioner Larry Phelps and County Administrator Sherry DuPont. Excused: Commissioner Bill Cech and Vola Bleile. Others present were Noreen Johnson, Kathy Coppock, and Zach from Wind Rose North Outfitters/Bait and Tackle.

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

Minutes: Motion by Larry Phelps September 5, 2017 minutes; second by Mike Kass. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Noreen also brought up a project of trails leading to the Bay with a viewing platform. Ingallston Township are member of CUPPAD and maybe we can use them to do the trail project. Sherry suggested we have a detailed map of current trails, appropriate \$600. Sherry will also check for the surveys of Bailey Property.

Noreen stated they are also looking to have a fund raiser for a new building. It would include 2 unisex indoor bathrooms, a gallery and a place to store printed archives. The 1st stage would be the mound system septic at a cost of \$18,000. She was wondering if some of the profits could be applied to the project. They also applied for a grant and should know in November

Bob asked if one bathroom would be sufficient, and Noreen stated two would be better due to the amount of events they have.

Noreen also asked if a stump digger/chipper would be a good tool for the parks. In the past a contractor has been used. A discussion followed regarding the liability of having a chipper.

Business:

a. Parks Winter Closure – No running water/no plowing/\$15 per night camping. A motion by Bob to add a non-seasonal rate after November 1 and adding this to the price list. This was supported by Dick with all in favor.

b. October 2, 2017 meeting – Mike Kass mileage. A motion by Bob supported by Larry to pay Mike the mileage.

c. Noreen Johnson – Save a tree designated to be cut - Noreen Johnson stated there is a large Maple to be cut that she would like saved. It is used for shade and signs. She would be willing to trade this tree for another if this is okay with the logger. All were in agreement.

The Forrester, Dean Francis is to be contacted to see why he wants it cut.

d. Park Rules – ORV use ..with written authorization – Sign? After much discussion and looking at the rules “No off road vehicles allowed in Park May 1 to October 1” for Shakey Lakes and “No vehicles beyond this point” for Bailey and Kleinke to keep them off the beach. A motion by Mike to purchase the signs supported by Kathy with all in favor.

e. Parks Lawnmower – Jim Q. request for replacement/bid process – Jim to supply Sherry with specs he would like so she can get the bid process started. Dick stated Jim would like a 60” zero turn lawn mower.

f. 2018 Park Price List – move to next month’s agenda.

g. Forrester Update – a text from Dean Francis indicated that the cutting will probably not start until the 1st of the year due to the wetness.

h. 2016/2017 Monthly Budget Review – Adjustments can be made until November 30, 2017. Tabled to next meeting.

i. 2017/2018 Monthly Budget Review - Committee to study budget and look at the 5 year plan. Two items that must be completed are a new roof on the Linderoth Pavilion and cost of black top/limestone at Kleinke Park. Dick also brought up the addition of 50 AMP service on the black top parking lot to allow larger campers into Shakey Lakes. If this is done we can eliminate “restriction of campers over 35” in the KOA booklet. This must be decided soon as the book goes to print early in the year.

Kathy stated that during the meeting with the Fair Board they would like the Fair Building rewired. This year they kept popping circuit breakers. A motion by Dick to ask the County Board to allow bids to rewire the Fair Building supported by Mike with all in favor.

j. Fair Board – Dick and Bob met with the Fair Board at Shakey Lakes. They are interested in obtaining some moveable bleachers to use for Fair Events. Larry was concerned about the liability and upkeep. He said research should be done as aluminum bleachers need a lot of upkeep.

The list for set up and take down for the Fair will be sent to the Fair Board.

Correspondence: None

Any other items Members wish to present: Larry introduced Zach from Wild Rose Outfitters/Bait and Tackle.

Zach stated there is a large interest in kayaking and paddle boating. Marinette has installed a kayak launch which helps disabled/elderly persons to be able to participate in this sport. Kayak fishing is a big sport down south and moving north. His company sponsors Kayak fishing weekends and would like to include Shakey Lakes. He asked for low attendance weekends in the park that would give him some dates to target for this event.

Sherry will contact Karen Kayser to obtain which weekends are the slowest and let Zach know.

Zach also stated we have to target the 20-30 year olds to improve the usage of Menominee County facilities. Tourism is growing and we need to be ready with the right activities.

Zach will get a price on a kayak launch (basic) to see if we can afford to install one at Shakey Lakes.

Sherry will get a price sheet from other camping facilities in the area so we can check our prices to theirs.

Bob Desjarlais stated Brian Bousley, former County Administrator, suggested another park at Shakey Lakes: example; Shakey Lakes East – where we could put in 4 rustic cabins with no license-permits needed.

Dick Peterson asked that we continue working on dedications for monetary donations to the Parks. We need to plan for implementation of this project.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Motion by Mike Kass to adjourn; supported by Kathy Branz.
Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.