

Menominee County Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair, Bob Desjarlais at Shakey Lakes Park.

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

Approval of agenda: Added to the agenda were e. Letter to Morning Dove Productions; f. Purchase of Steel for bath house and Linderoth Pavilion; g. Invasive species, h. Thank you from Fair Board. Motion by Dick Peterson; support by Vola Bleile to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Bill Cech to approve the August 7, 2017 minutes; second by Mike Kass. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Business:

a. Dog waste solutions have been implemented at Bailey, Kleinke and River Parks. At this time they seem to be working well. A camper also stated that it shows we are pet friendly.

b. Vandalism at Mason Park was an issue with deposit envelopes being burned and some signs were spray painted. A discussion ensued regarding buying a surveillance camera. At this time a motion was made by Vola Bleile to put up a sign at the drop site stating "Area under Surveillance". This proposal was supported by Bill Cech; carried with all in favor.

c. Monthly Budget Review: Our current revenue is \$214,475.84 plus the August receipts (received from Karen Kayser) of \$11,093.50 for total receipts of \$224,569.34 less expenses of \$192,843.70 shows a profit of \$31,725.64. The Labor Day revenue has not yet been turned in. The expenses include the cost of the electric update of \$17,723 and the deposit on the 4H Building roof of \$18,250 which was to be covered by a transfer in of \$66,313.00 and was not needed to cover these expenses.

Expenditures paid from the Fund Balance included graveling at Kleinke Park and River Park \$6,950, Mason Park – graveling and limestone \$496.25 and Bailey Park – culvert and work to prepare logging road and landing \$4,478.00 for a total of \$12,445.25. Plus the cost of surveying \$505 and the Park Picnic Tables \$5,027.50 (in late 2016 we received a grant from Hannahville of \$4,150 for the picnic tables plus a donation of \$1,500 from the Shakey Lakes Association in February, 2017).

d. Discussion of any additional items: Bill Cech stated that Mike Pairon Jr. family have 6-7 trailers in the park per season. He felt the penalty for the loud music (discussed in August) was too excessive for the infraction. Larry Phelps said it

was a first offense and this excessive of a penalty could have ramifications to the park. Bill Cech made a motion to suspend next year's suspension of Shakey Lakes Parks rights. This was supported by Mike Kass with 3 yes and 4 no. Larry Phelps made a motion to suspend his privileges for May, June and July of the 2018 camping season. This was supported by Bill Cech, 6 yes one no, motion carried. Sherry DuPont will write a letter telling him of the reduced penalty.

Larry Phelps stated he knows a business man in Menominee who asked about expanding advertising in magazines. He said we could also promote cross country skiing and snowshoeing. This could be done at River Park, Shakey Lakes, Kleinke, and Bailey with over 70 acres of nature trails. Jim Quist stated that years ago cross country skiing trails were marked out in the parks. Bob Desjarlais asked Larry to ask this gentleman to attend our next meeting.

e. Sherry DuPont, Interim County Administrator, included a letter to Morning Dove Productions stating how pleased we were with the video advertisements created for Menominee County Parks. She asked them to run out the remaining 26 weeks that were paid for and discontinue the advertising for the fall and winter months. All were in favor and Bob Desjarlais will inform Sherry to mail the letter.

f. Bob Desjarlais stated that Jim Quist would like to purchase some of the used metal from Svinicki to use on the roofs at the bath house and on the Linderoth Pavilion. The cost new would be \$1,454 and if he could get a lesser price from the metal being removed from the 4H Building it would save money. A motion by Bill Cech to approve purchase of the used metal up to \$1,000 for 42 panels from Svinicki supported by Mike Kass with all in favor.

g. Invasive Species Letter: Wild River Invasive Species Coalition meets 6 times a year. They are applying for a \$147,800 grant and would like letters of support. Letters of support help them to get grant approval. The Parks Committee agreed to send a letter of support to WRISC for the Campaign Against Phragmites with a motion by Mike Kass supported by Vola Bleile with all in favor. Karen Kayser will send the letter of support from the Menominee County Parks.

h. Thank You: Menominee County Crew – thank you from the Fair Board on all your help during the fair.

Bob Desjarlais talked to Glen Hanson Thursday regarding the Fair. There are 31 4H clubs and no one helps. Jim Quist and his workers start 2 weeks in advance to prepare the 4H building for the fair along with set up before and tear down after the fair. The kids involved are not helping nor are they keeping the building clean or cleaning up after their animals. The Fair Board could get help from the jail crew, but they do not want to pay for this. \$4,000 is being supplied by the county for the Fair Coordinator.

Jim Quist said he is willing to help and guide but will no longer do the work. Charlene Peterson will contact the Annex and find out when the next meeting of the Fair Board is so the Parks Committee can get on the agenda.

Jim Quist also stated he would like to thank Jim Sands for his years of service.

Correspondence: None

Any other items Members wish to present: Dick Peterson made a request for 2 - 50 amp service pedestals for motor homes over 35' to be installed on/near the black top parking lot. The KOA booklet shows limitations for Shakey Lakes Park and by doing this it would remove the limitations in their booklet. (Follow-up with getting the change made to the booklet as well.) We have 134 sites at present and are licensed for 140. Must make a decision soon so we can get this changed in KOA. Their booklet is available May 2018.

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 permits needed.

Dick Peterson asked that we continue working on dedications for monetary donations to the Parks. So far we have 2 flag poles and a tractor. We need to plan for implementation of this project.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Motion by Mike Kass to adjourn; supported by Vola Bleile.
Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.