

Menominee County
Parks and Recreation Committee
May 14, 2008
Minutes

Members Present: Mark Aubert, Judy Bright, Bill Kakuk, Jason Lauzer, Michael Lyons, and Vola Bleile. Members absent: Greg Furmanski.
Also in attendance: Steve Wery, Parks Superintendent.

Agenda was amended to include request from Matt Schick to provide dumping service at Shakey Lakes and complaint from Christie Salo re noise at Kleinke Park. Motion to approve amended Agenda made by Mike Lyons, seconded by Bill Kakuk. Motion carried

Motion to amend second paragraph of April 9, 2008 Minutes to read “seconded by Mike Lyons” made by Mike Lyons, seconded by Bill Kakuk. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Matt Schick appeared before the committee to request permission to offer a pumping service at Shakey Lakes Park. He would be servicing campers at their campsite and dumping into the dump station at the park. Vola Bleile moved and Jason Lauzer seconded a motion to allow Matt Schick to perform a pumping service at Shakey Lakes Park, provided he meets all health department and liability insurance requirements. Motion carried. This item will be referred to the County Board for information purposes as well.

Steve Wery updated the committee on the concession stand at Shakey Lakes. Two 1000 gallon pressurized septic tanks have been installed below ground and are operational.

A discussion followed concerning bathhouse upgrades at Shakey Lakes, estimated to be around \$220,000. The county has approximately \$60-80,000 on hand, and the Parks Superintendent would still like to seek other grant funds such as Hannaville and CMI in addition to researching other revenues from the possible sale of Airport and Longerie Parks as well as property located across River Drive from Menominee River Park. The committee needs to know the exact amount of current funds designated for shower improvements and more information on the size and value of properties that could be sold. Steve Wery will follow-up with this information. Sales of Kleinke and Mason Parks would be impractical due to either deed restrictions and/or reversion to family or township ownership. Improving Menominee River Park with the possible assistance of Menominee Township is still a consideration for the future.

A complaint of loud noise at Kleinke Park after quiet hour last 4th of July weekend was received from Christine Salo. Steve Wery advised that this holiday is the noisiest of all, and he will make his presence seen this year at Kleinke. It was also noted that the Sheriff and State Patrol employees drive through from time to time.

The Parks Superintendent updated the committee on the following:

1. First day of registration at Shakey Lakes this year was the best in 10 years. 26 were waiting when the office opened and 52 campers were accommodated by 9:20 am.
2. Shakey Lakes Park is full for both Memorial Day and fair weekends, and there are over 180 reservations for other weekends.
3. Spraying has begun at Kleinke Park and we have a 5-year permit for mowing.
4. 38 maple, 250 red pine and 250 fir trees have been planted, mostly at Shakey Lakes Park.
5. The DOT has approved a sign location for the Fishing Museum. Need to remove a few small trees for the sign area. Also need to remove one large tree near the house, which will require a tree service.
6. He received a call from Marv Beyer regarding the new horse rules and other issues he has with Steve. Steve has scheduled a meeting with Mr. Beyer for Tuesday, May 20th at 4:30 pm at Shakey Lakes Park and committee members are welcome to attend.
7. Shakey Lakes Park: the concession stand lease has been signed, noting that Item 10 includes maintenance of the septic system by current or future lessees. The owners will also purchase wood from trees taken down at \$60 per cord.
8. Placemat ads are complete and placemats will be printed beginning May 19th.

Under other business, Bill Kakuk is looking into hi-speed wireless Internet capability at Shakey Lakes, which could possibly accommodate an online reservation system.

Mark Aubert also advised that someone has destroyed the gates to the loop at River Park. Discussion followed on possible ways to prevent vehicles from entering the loop and causing destruction or dumping trash. The committee will continue to work on this item.

The committee will meet again on June 11th at the West Shore Fishing Museum.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Lyons and second by Bill Kakuk at 6:48 pm. Motion carried.

Judy Bright
Secretary
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