

Menominee County
Parks and Recreation Committee
June 11, 2008
Minutes

The meeting was held at and hosted by the Westshore Fishing Museum. Members Present: Mark Aubert, Judy Bright, Bill Kakuk, Jason Lauzer. Members absent: Greg Furmanski, Mike Lyons, Vola Bleile.

Also in attendance: Steve Wery, Parks Superintendent.

The Agenda was approved with no changes and the Minutes of the May 14th meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Marvin Beyer addressed the Committee on the new deposit policy now in effect for use of the horse arena by 4-H and others and the issue of clean-up after use. Mr. Beyer asked if the Committee would waive the deposit for 4-H users for practice sessions during non-fair times, since they have been cleaning up after themselves and leaving the area in good shape. He also advised that the new deposit requirement was not included in their budget this year and was a burden on 4-H. It was the consensus of the Committee that the deposit policy is similar to other counties and is being applied equally to all users and that Mr. Beyer could request the County Board to waive the deposit for 4-H users. The Committee also suggested that the 4-H group should address some of their concerns with the Fair Board as well, and that the Committee should invite a representative from the Fair Board to our next meeting.

There was further discussion on requiring proof of insurance to use the horse arena area.

A draft "Waiver of Liability, Indemnity Agreement" as an option for use of the horse arena facilities was presented and discussed. This would allow use of the facility without providing proof of insurance. Jason Lauzer moved and Bill Kakuk seconded a motion to approve the waiver with the addition of text identifying the "course and/or activity" being used by the "Participant." Motion carried unanimously.

The Parks Superintendent updated the committee on the following:

1. The garage at Kleinke Park has been framed and roofed and should be operational in the next 30 days.
2. A grant was received from Hannahville to purchase 20 picnic tables to be placed at Shakey Lakes and Kleinke Parks.
3. The barn is almost ready for the fair.

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4. Trees are all doing very well, and there has been some tree-cutting at Bailey Park.
5. The new sign for the Westshore Fishing Museum should be going up within the next few weeks.

Other discussion covered (1) the back gate at River Park, which Steve Wery has straightened out, and (2) possible future development at that park in a joint venture with Menominee Township.

Correspondence from Marvin Beyer was addressed earlier and a letter was received requesting permission to put a bench at Shakey Lakes Park.

Other comments: Ms Behrend thanked the park personnel for the good job mowing at this site and discussion of further parking lot expansion at the museum.

The committee will meet again on July 8th at Shakey Lakes Park.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Kakuk, seconded by Judy Bright at 7:15 pm. Motion carried.

Judy Bright
Secretary
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