

Minutes of the Joint Meeting with the
Menominee County Fair Board
and the
Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee

December 10, 2008

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

Members of Fair Board Present: Larry Roetzer, Scott Parrette, Phyllis Kaczmarczyk, and Diane Brazelton. Also in attendance: Kandace Curran – Fair Manager and Jim Lynch – County Commissioner.

Also in attendance: Dick Peterson, newly elected County Commissioner.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda as printed made by Jason Lauzer and seconded by Vola Bleile. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 10, 2008 Parks Committee were corrected to reflect that although there were 18 leased sites at Kleinke Park this past summer, there were only ten leased sites in any one month as established by the Parks Committee. Motion to approve minutes as corrected made by Judy Bright and seconded by Jason Lauzer. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Combined Meeting with Fair Board:

Members of the Fair Board requested that a block of campsites at Shakey Lakes be set aside for fair weekend for use by fair participants. The Fair Board would be willing to pay for the sites up front and then would return to the campground any sites that they were unable to lease prior to fair weekend. Motion made by Jason Lauzer and seconded by Judy Bright to set aside 25 sites for Friday and Saturday night to be paid for by the Fair Board; the sites to be set aside will be determined after February 15, 2009 (the deadline for summer leases at the park to be paid); and sites will include the 10 CA (vendor) sites and 15 others. Motion carried.

The Fair Board also advised that there were some issues with the concession stand also having booths in the vendor area on fair weekend. Both groups unanimously approved a motion to limit concession stand sales to the concession stand only during fair

weekend. Parks Superintendent Steve Wery will send a letter to the concession stand owners to this effect.

Jim Lynch asked if the both the Parks Committee and Fair Board could schedule two joint meetings a year. It was agreed that April and October would be appropriate times to meet.

The Superintendent advised that he has spoken to Alger-Delta , who is looking at upgrading their service in Shakey Lakes area in the spring. This would help alleviate the power outages experience at this year's fair. The county also has a generator on a trailer that could be used.

Superintendent Wery also clarified that there is a 50/50 split with the Fair Board of the inside storage fees received.

Regular Meeting of Parks Committee:

Superintendent Wery advised that the grant request for the Shakey Lakes Arena was denied, but he will submit another request to Hannahville in April 2009.

A discussion of Shakey Lakes followed.

Steve Wery said that he had 89 on the waiting list for lease sites, with more out-of-county than Menominee County residents on the list. Discussion revolved around why this is so and that there is no preference given to Menominee County residents.

Also, since rates were raised last year, the committee should wait until next year to consider the subject again.

Superintendent Wery also advised that he is hoping the newly elected Sheriff will bring back the auxiliary to help with security on Friday and Saturday nights at the park.

A discussion of Kleinke Park followed.

Steve Wery advised that only two campers with 5-6 month leases would have first right of refusal this upcoming year.

It was also determined that the committee should consider increasing the number of lease sites at this park. Motion made by Bill Kakuk and seconded by Judy Bright to increase number of lease sites to 15 during any one month beginning next summer.

Also, there will be no rate increases.

Dick Peterson raised a question on whether any hunters used or rented out their units after September. Superintendent Wery was not aware of anyone who might have done this.

An update on the pit toilet restoration was provided by the Superintendent.

Superintendent's Report:

The County has received a \$1000 donation from an anonymous person who is very appreciative of our parks. Superintendent Wery explained that this could be combined with some Buildings and Grounds money and a grant request to purchase playground equipment for Kleinke Park. Mark Aubert suggested that we start a list of items that could be done with donations of this sort in the future.

Other Items:

Jason Lauzer inquired about the status of possibly selling unused park lands and Superintendent Wery will provide information on this at the next meeting.

There was no correspondence and no public comment.

Motion by Bill Kakuk, second by Vola Bleil to adjourn at 7:15. Motion carried.

Judy Bright, Secretary
Menominee County
Parks and Recreation Committee