

**Community Development Committee  
Regular Meeting  
May 16, 2006 – 8:30 a.m.  
Tribal Office Board Room**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairman Ken Fish called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Those present: Dave Corn, Pat Corn, Todd Every, Dave Grignon and Lloyd Pecore. Those absent: Rick Warrington and Jim Horton. Also present for the meeting: Brian Tepiew, Roberta Reiter, Todd Pecore, Brett Pecore, Dyan Nickey, Shawn Klemens and Marla Mahkimetas.

**2. Moment of Silence-**A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Approval of Minutes Dated April 21, 2006-**

Todd Every wanted the committee to know that at the last meeting a motion was sent to the Menominee Tribal Legislature asking them to approve renting the NiiWin house and that rate be based on current tribal rates. Todd stated that they couldn't go by the tribal rate because the cost of renting the building would have been around \$26,000 per year. Todd researched other building rent rates in Shawano and the amount decided upon is \$800 per month.

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to approve the minutes dated April 21, 2006. Motion was seconded by Todd Every. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**4. Land Request/Brian Tepiew-**

Brian Tepiew was present to request a small piece of land in the Middle Village area to build a home.

For future requests Chairman Fish would like a copy of an policies regarding acreage limits etc attached to the request.

Brian is requesting one of two different areas. One is zoned as Exclusive Forestry District (F-1) and the other is zoned Development Overlay District (PDO).

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the issue and said they cannot make a decision until they know if the land perks, was there an archeological study done? How much land is being requested? Is the land in sustained yield?

**Motion made by Dave Grignon that Community Development do more research on the Brian Tepiew Land request and bring it back to the committee. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**5. Marla Mahkimetas Request-**

Marla is requesting land in Middle Village area to open a Horse Trail Riding business.

Committee members had the following questions and/or concerns;

- Is there a business plan?
- There is no electricity in the area.
- Was an archeological study done for the area?
- Where is access going to be because there are no roads in the area?
- Where are the buildings going to be situated?
- The area would have to be re-zoned to agricultural because of the horses.
- Since there is no electricity what kind of sanitation facilities would there be?
- Where would the trail rides be going?
- There could be legal issues with non-Menominee's using the trail rides and trespassing.
- Where would parking be?
- How many horses would be there?

**Motion made by Todd Every to table. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**6. Dyan Nickey Business Proposal-**

Dyan Nickey's proposal to build a mini mall on the west side of hwy 47 across from the College was approved by the Menominee Tribal Legislature. Some issues still need to be worked on and Dyan was present to discuss those issues. The biggest hold up right now is getting the land out of sustained yield.

Some of the other issues include;

- Who is going to pay for the archeological study?
- Who is going to pay for the environmental study?
- Who is paying for any expenses incurred to upgrade utilities?
- There could be some legal issues regarding leasing the mall space to non-Menominee's.

There will be a meeting set up with Chairman Fish, Todd Every, Dyan Nickey and someone from the legal department to discuss the issues.

Chairman Fish would like the issue to remain on the agenda.

**7. Menominee Nation Casino Planning Update/James Reiter-**

Jim Reiter was unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to table. Motion was seconded by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**8. Pow-Wow Committee Status & Recommendations-**

Committee members feel that they shouldn't have to oversee the Pow-Wow Committee. In the past they have been a stand alone committee that reported directly to the Menominee Tribal Legislature. Committee feels that the only reason it is under the Community Development Committee is due to the fact that the Community Development Department is in charge of the maintenance of the Woodland Bowl.

Committee would like the issue to remain on the agenda.

**Motion made by Dave Corn to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the Pow-Wow Committee be a stand alone committee or work group for the planning of the annual Contest Pow-Wow and report directly to the Menominee Tribal Legislature and that the Community Development Committee only provides support for the facility. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**9. Street Lighting Request-**

Todd Every informed the committee that there has been a request for street lighting. Chairman Fish and the committee would like to see a policy because some street lighting is taken care of through County. Before the committee makes a decision they would like to know how many tribal and non-tribal members would benefit from the lighting and need to decide whether putting lighting up in a certain area would open a flood of requests from everyone else wanting lighting. No action was taken.

**10. Neopit Head Start Building Status & Proposal-**

Chairman Fish stated that he would follow up on the status of the building and report back to the committee.

**11. Warren Property Trust Land Placement-**

Todd Every informed the committee that the Warren Property consists of 160 acres of land and it is not in trust. Todd wanted to know if the land should be placed into trust. Committee wanted to know if there has ever been an attempt to put the land into trust and if there hasn't what is the reason why?

**Motion made by Dave Corn to table the issue until more information is available. Motion was seconded by Todd Every. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**12. Transportation Development Plan/Shawn Klemens-**

Transportation Director Shawn Klemens was present to ask for the committee's direction. Shawn informed the committee that in 2007 Transportation will be expanding but after that he is land locked. The ideal situation would be to build further back but the two lots behind Transportation are privately owned. If Shawn would build further down there isn't much room and the area is in sustained yield.

Committee discussed the issue. No action was taken.

**13. Construction Contractor Tax Draft Ordinance-**

Committee briefly discussed the issue with Tax Commissioner Roberta Reiter and decided they would have to table the issue and Rob Orcutt from the legal department would need to be present to answer questions.

**Motion made by Todd Every to table. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**14. Biomass Heating Systems Recommendations-**

**Motion made by Todd Every to table. Motion was seconded by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**15. Other Business-**

Todd Every had one issue to discuss with the committee which is the pay phone by the old Reiter's Gas Station. Todd would like to see the phone torn out. The phone is not owned by the tribe and Todd still hasn't been able to get in touch with the person who does own it. Committee members stated that a lot of people use the phone so maybe Todd could look into moving it to another location.

Marla Mahkimetas showed up to the meeting after her request was tabled.

**Motion made by Todd Every to go back to agenda item five. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**5. Marla Mahkimetas Request-**

Committee went over their concerns and questions with Marla. No action was taken.

**16. Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services