



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Otsego Lake County Park Irontone Springs Wah Wah Soo Libke Fields Community Center
These are the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on December 9th 2013.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Members Present: Dave Baragrey, Pete Awrey, Doug Johnson, Bill Holewinski, Scott Courterier, Abe Cruz, and Randy Stults.

Members Absent: Tom Johnson, Butch Fleming and Bonnie Miller.

Others Present: Bob Drummond, Alpine Leisure Pilot Society [Tyler Tarbutton, Colton Huff, Janet Flint] and Mike Tarbutton.

Consent agenda to approve previous minutes. Motion by D. Johnson, second by Holewinski. Motion passed on voice consent of the members.

Public Comment: Mr. Drummond from Alpine Leisure Pilot Society asked to have the pavilion fee lowered or waived entirely to save his club dollars to use towards advertising the show. After discussion ensued of pros and cons a motion was made by Courterier, second by Cruz to deny the request and stay with the regular fees. Motion passed on voice consent of members. Tarbutton commented on Courthouse Park Amendment. He stated that John Burt will attend the January meeting to update. Tarbutton commented on upcoming Pinewood Derby. A request was read on free use of the Community Center for January 10th and 11th, 2014 for the Pinewood Derby. The kids swap out work to be done at the County Park in the spring to offset the charge. Motion to donate the Community Center for the Pinewood Derby by Stults, second by Awrey and leave the dates up to the director, as the January 10th and 11th conflict with scheduled event. Motion passed on voice consent of members.

Budget: Tarbutton reported that our budget will lose approximately \$13,000 in revenue due to the payback of tax dollars in tax reimbursement case. We as a board will work with Tarbutton to save wherever we can to offset this repayment. Tarbutton received a memo backing our thoughts on the handling of overtime wages, etc.

Bills: Approved to go to finance for payment.

Old Business: Raising of rates for events at the Community Center: Motion by Cruz, second by D. Johnson to raise the rate to \$45 per two hour event, up from the \$30 per two hour event; for new reservations in 2014. Events that have already been scheduled in the New Year will grandfather back to the original \$30 per two hour event. Motion passed on voice consent of members. Tarbutton reported that the Community Center will need to be closed for roughly three days to put in the new viewing area, once the materials arrive. Motion by Courterier, second by Holewinski to allow Mike to pick the days when this comes about. Motion passed on voice consent of members. We started to discuss the size and options on cabins in the County Park. Sandra Lambert, who sat in on our meeting, was concerned that having cabins as part of the County Park would hurt her business financially. We told her that these cabins are very rustic and we felt they would not infringe on her business. Mike was instructed to get proposals ready for our next meeting so we can move forward.

Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve: Tarbutton filled us in on a problem with the alarm system at the Groen. Alarm goes off inadvertently and Mike's name is on the list to respond when this happens. Motion by Stults, second by Cruz to have Mike talk with Groen Trust Board stating that when he responds, the Groen Trust will be charged accordingly; unless they want to take his name off the list and have their people respond to the situation. Motion passed on voice consent of members.

Wah Wah Soo, Libke Fields, and Irontone Springs: All sleeping.



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New Business: Parks and Recreation upcoming schedule discussed. Motion by D. Johnson, second by Courterier to approve. Motion passed on voice consent of members. We also talked about getting down to nine commissioners vs. the ten we have now. Will table until we can discuss with John Burt in the January 14th, 2014 meeting.

Commissioner Comments: Stults commented about current lease agreement with the City of Gaylord for the surrounding area of the Community Center. Lease has expired and we need to look at the lease agreement and get it settled. John Burt will need to look at the lease or possibly just have the property turned over to us. We will get with John Burt.

Next meeting: Monday,[January 13th] ~~January 14th~~, 2014 at the Airport at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Courterier, second by Cruz. Motion passed on voice consent. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Pete Awrey
Secretary