



**Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Otsego Lake County Park Irontone Springs Wah Wah Soo Libke Fields Community Center**  
These are the proposed minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on May 13th, 2013.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

**Members Present:** Butch Fleming, Dave Baragrey, Pete Awrey, Doug Johnson, Bill Holewinski, Tom Johnson, Scott Courterier, and Randy Stults.

**Members Absent:** Abe Cruz and Bonnie Miller

**Others Present:** Mike Tarbutton, John Burt, Jeff Reinalt and Richard Summerix.

Consent Agenda to approve minutes of previous meeting with corrections to where Mike met with Ed Tholl from the City of Gaylord. Arnie and Ed will look at how to level out the back entryway at the Community Center and then pave on cement. We will provide the materials. Should have read Mike met with Ed Tholl from the City of Gaylord. Arnie and Ed will look at how to level out the back entryway at the Community Center and then they will pave the remaining area. We will provide the materials Mike reported he would like to have a phone at the welcome center at a cost of roughly \$50 per month. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Courterier. Motion passed on voice consent of members. This should have read as Mike reported he would like to have a phone at the Groen Welcome Center at a cost of roughly \$50 per month. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Courterier. Motion passed on voice consent of members. Motion by Stults, second by T. Johnson. Motion passed on voice consent of members.

Jeff Reinalt was present from COPD to request vehicle passes for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, end of the year Art in the Park Party. 80 to 100 visitors. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Holewinski to donate the vehicle passes and use of the pavilion. Motion passed on voice consent of members.

John Burt was present to go over the fee and revenue interpretations of the easement for activities at the Groen Nature Preserve. As we talked about previously, John stated that the language will need to be revisited at some point to allow races, etc. For now we will comply with Mrs. Groen's wishes on this matter as we decided at previous meeting. The race for Skylarcyk will be allowed in July. Mike reported that the trees and shrubs planted by the Johannesburg Library Staff was made possible from students reading 1000 books. Mike reported on Vision Committee meeting held on May 2, 2103. Discussion of minutes provided. He also mentioned that transportation of visitors from place to place at the Groen Nature Preserve can only be done by horse and wagon. They have a family owned business that is offering to possibly contract to do this. Insurance is an issue right now, so we tabled this until more information can be provided.

The Great Start Parent Coalition has received a grant from the Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,750 and a grant from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$500. They do not have an architect's drawing/plan on renovations. John Burt stated that the County does not have a policy of low cost building repair that would require a plan/drawing and as long as the permit is pulled the Building Department will make sure it is done correctly/legally. We received two bids and we will go with the low bid, provided that he provides us with a drawing on his repairs. The contractor has already agreed to this. Parks and Recreation will come up with the rest of the cost of the project which is \$2450. We will follow up on this after we see the plans or drawings.

**Bills:** Approved to go to finance committee for payment

**Public Comments:** Dave received two letters, one from OCCA Senior Center and the other from the Health Department thanking us for approving their requests.

Dave Baragrey President, Scott Courterier Vice President, Pete Awrey Secretary, Doug Johnson Otsego Co. Board of Commission, Bill Holewinski Otsego Co. Road Commission, Randy Stults Otsego County Planning Commission, Butch Fleming, Abel Cruz, Tom Johnson, Bonny Miller, Mike Tarbutton Director, Arnie Quay Coordinator



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**Old Business:** Meetings have been posted per the open meetings act. Director has started a Gantt. Mike talked about his impending retirement plans. Date is October 15, 2014. Mike will provide a written copy at our request. Mike turned the Student Discipline Policy over to Human Resources Department for review.

**County Park:** Mike reported they used the County Work Crew for clean up. Clean up weekend had 67 campers. Mike reported on returning park employees and new ones. Quay received two proposals on tree service at the park. Motion by Courterier, second by Stults to accept the low bid. Motion passed on voice consent of members. There was some minor ice damage to the Ranger Station. Water levels are high vs. previous years. Big Ticket is back this year and reservations are up. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Fleming to advertise with the Big Ticket Organization up to \$250 for the event. Mike will look into the best options for us. Motion passed on voice consent of members. Reservations for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend are full. Fireworks will be held on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. We need to repair/replace a shower door. Water has been tested and approved for public drinking. Reservations dollars are up from last year at this time. 2012 was \$13000, 2013 is \$18500.

**Irontone Springs:** Tables are out and restroom is open. Water has been test and approved for public drinking.

**Libke Fields:** Bruce Brown came and informed Mike that the Chocolate Haus will be donating to the Flag Football Program. Donations may be enough to improve/enlarge parking area. John Burt reported that there might be an area west of existing lot to enlarge and the airport is okay with it. Mike would like to get existing lot improved first then work on extra area.

**Wah Wah Soo:** Closed, buoys soon.

**Community Center:** Schedule has changed to less open hours because of transfers and getting parks ready to go. Center will be closed June 1<sup>st</sup> for floor maintenance. Center will reopen 10 days later, after varnish is down.

**New Business:** None.

**Commissioner Comment:** None.

Next meeting: Monday, June 10th, 2013 at the County Park at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by T. Johnson, second by D. Johnson. Motion passed on voice consent. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Pete Awrey  
Secretary