



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 Monday February 9th, 2015.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Scott Courterier, Pete Awrey, Dave Baragrey, Butch Fleming, Abe Cruz, Doug Johnson, Tom Johnson and Judy Jarecki.

Members Absent: Bill Holewinski.

Others Present: Gina Marchio, John Burt, Rachel Frisch, Mark Cromell, Arnie Quay and Keri Swantek.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the January 12th 2015 meeting was made by Butch Fleming and seconded by Scott Courterier. Motion passed with voice consent.

Public Comment: Mark Cromell from the Alpine Regional Tennis Association (ARTA) requested use of the tennis courts for a one day tennis tournament to be held on August 1st or August 8th, 2015. Cromell also requested the Community Center be opened for use of the restrooms and drinking fountain. A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Bonny Miller to allow ARTA to use the tennis courts for a tennis tournament on either August 1st or August 8th 2015 and for the Community Center to be opened during that time. Motion carried with voice consent.

Budget:

- A. Rachel Frisch, Otsego County Finance Director discussed the Parks and Recreation budget from 2008 – 2015.
- B. Gina Marchio provided the members with a list of possible explanations of causes for reduced revenue at the Community Center.
- C. Gina Marchio was going to propose a budget amendment to split the parks budget from 208-752 to 208-751 and 208-752. Rachel Frisch reported this issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

Bills: Approved to go to finance for payment.

Director's Update:

- A. **Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve:** John Burt reported that Mrs. Groen has passed away. Gina Marchio provided members with information about the on-going tree harvest.
- B. **Community Center:** Marchio provided members with a list of After School activities for February. Marchio also introduced copies of the new adult and student waiver forms, as well as the new indemnity clause in the special event permit application.
- C. Gina Marchio reported that the new security cameras have been installed at the Community Center.
- D. John Burt reported that the Libke Fields property purchase will be finalized in one month.



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Old Business:**

- A. Gina Marchio provided the members with paperwork describing the Cost Recovery Pyramid.
- B. Marchio provided the members with suggestions for increasing revenue and decreasing expenses at the Community Center. The members discussed the activities which occur for no charge as well as events that are given a reduced rate. No decision was made on organizations that use the Community Center for no charge. The discussion on this issue was tabled. A motion was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Scott Courterier to establish a fee of \$22.50 per hour for the Co-ed and Women's Volleyball Leagues as well as the Boyne Area Gymnastics program. Tom Johnson asked about the fee for the summer basketball camps. The members discussed charging all activities currently receiving a reduced rate, a rate of \$22.50 per hour. Abe Cruz amended his previous motion and made a motion to charge the Co-ed and Women's Volleyball Leagues, Boyne Area Gymnastics and the Boys and Girl's summer basketball camps \$22.50 per hour. Scott Courterier seconded this amended motion. Tom Johnson abstained from voting. The motion was passed by voice consent. Gina Marchio provided the members with a list of items that could be removed from the 2015 budget. The members discussed these suggestions however, no decisions were made.
- C. Marchio reported that she is still gathering information on quotes and grants from new lights over the gym floor.
- D. Gina Marchio reported on some possible sources of funding for the fishing cleaning station. Marchio reported that the plans for construction are incomplete.

New Business:

- A. Gina Marchio received a request from Marc Morrell of the Department of Human Services to hold a 5K race at the County Park on June 13th, 2015. The members discussed this requested; however a motion was not required.
- B. Marchio presented a donation request from the Gaylord Senior All Night Party. A motion was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Doug Johnson to donate 2 nights free camping valid Sunday thru Thursday during the 2015 season. This motion passed with voice consent.
- C. Gina Marchio discussed plans to create a new sign-in area at the Community Center and provided the members with a cost estimate. Further discussion on this issue was tabled.

Commissioner Comments: Butch Fleming and Judy Jarecki expressed appreciation to Gina Marchio for all the information being provided to the members at the meetings.

Next Meeting is Monday March 9th 2015 at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Community Center.

A motion to adjourn was made by Butch Fleming and seconded by Bonny Miller.

No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary