



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 August 11th, 2014.

Meeting called to order at 5:58pm

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

Members Absent: Bill Holewinski

Others Present: Mike Tarbutton, Arnie Quay and Keri Swantek

Consent Agenda: Motion by Tom Johnson, second by Butch Fleming to approve the proposed minutes from the July 14th meeting. Motion was passed by voice consent.

Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve: Mike Tarbutton gave the parks board a summary of the Groen Board Meeting. Tarbutton reported that the Groen Board discussed making Roger Latuszek the overall manager of the property when Phase 2 begins and the remainder of the property is donated to Otsego County. Tarbutton is in favor of Latuszek being in some type of manager position. Bonny Miller asked who the parks board answers too. Tarbutton said the parks board answers to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners and to John Burt who oversees the entire County's property and facilities. Tom Johnson raised concerns over the preserve not paying property taxes to Otsego County. Tarbutton advised the parks boards to table the issues that were discussed and to give John Burt room as Phase 2 develops and rom to design a job description for Roger Latuszek.

Bills: Approved to go to finance for payment.

Budget: Tarbutton presented the members with a copy of the 2015 budget request for the Parks Department. Tarbutton said he was going to give the 2015 budget request for the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve to John Burt. Motion by Tom Johnson, second by Pete Awrey to recommend the 2015 budget request. Motion passed by voice consent. Tarbutton said he wants to leave the parks and the community center in good shape for the new director and asked the board to transfer \$10,000.00 from the fund balance to repair and maintenance line item. Motion by Tom Johnson to transfer 10,000.00 from the fund balance to repair & maintenance. Second by B. Fleming. Motion passed by voice consent.

Old Business: Dave Baragrey spoke again about doing a tribute for Chad Dutcher. A. Cruz said he was in favor of naming the Community Center after Chad. Members discussed possible names for the facility. Doug Johnson said he wants to present this suggestion to John Burt. This issue was tabled.

Libke Fields: Members discussed making the park dog free. Tarbutton suggested having signs made which said "no animals allowed during organized events". The board members were in favor of this. Bonny Miller said the split rail fence will be stained. Tarbutton reported that a one-day flag football event was held there.



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Otsego Lake County Park Irontone Springs Wah Wah Soo Libke Fields Community Center Wah Wah Soo: Tarbutton reported that the new owners of the house near the property have not sent a copy of the survey yet and advised the board that if there are no issues with the property owners, then to leave the issue as is.

Irontone Springs: Tarbutton reported that North Bridge needs to be repaired. Tarbutton also said the drinking fountain may need to be repaired in the future.

County Park: Tarbutton reported that the county park is having a very good year and is up approximately \$21,000.00 from this time last year. Tarbutton reported that in 2014 \$5,000.00 was budgeted for overtime and they are currently over budget by \$2,000.00. Tarbutton asked the board if they wanted him to budget \$4,000.00 for overtime in the 2015 budget and to budget an additional \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00 into hourly for an additional person. Motion by Tom Johnson to transfer \$4,000.00 into overtime and \$5,000.00 into hourly for an additional employee in 2015. Second by Scott Courterier.

Community Center: Tarbutton reported that Olmstead Construction will do a fine sand on the gym floor and fill in lines where they are needed. Tarbutton said the boards along the wall of the tennis courts need to be painted.

New Business: Tom Johnson asked about a replacement for Mike. Baragrey said the position has not been advertised yet. Tom Johnson said he would like to have a new director in place by November to work with Tarbutton until he retires. Scott Courterier said that John Burt may not want an additional director wage overlapping the current wage and may not fill the position until necessary.

Commissioner Comments: Pete Awrey and Tom Johnson said they will not be at the next meeting. Dave Baragrey informed the board that information will be posted on the website next year for the summer meetings stating that in case of inclement weather the meetings will be moved to the Community Center. Scott Courterier asked if the members could be notified via text message regarding a location change. Baragrey asked the members to give their cell phone numbers to Keri Swantek.

Next Meeting is Monday September 8th, 2014 at the Otsego County Community Center at 6:00pm.

No other business was presented. Motion to adjourn passed by voice consent of members.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Keri Swantek
Recording Secretary