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MINUTES

OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Randy Stults, Bonny Miller, Judy Jarecki, Butch Fleming, Tom Johnson, Bill Holewinski and Dave Baragrey.

Members Absent: Scott Courterier, Doug Johnson and Abe Cruz.

Others Present: Kyle Ryan and Keri Swantek.

Doug Johnson arrived at 6:02pm.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A correction was noted by Randy Stults to correct the opening time of the Groen Nature Preserve to 10:00 am from 19:00am. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded Butch Fleming to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: A motion to approve the bills for payment was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Randy Stults. Motion carried. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Tom Johnson to have a member of the executive committee review the bills prior to approval of payment by the parks board. Motion carried. Randy Stults also stated that he asked Keri Swantek to include on the Bills List a total for each facility as well as a grand total.

Administrator's Update: Kyle Ryan reported he has started interviewing employees for the county park and one person has been hired so far. Kyle Ryan said the position was approved for the seasonal programming person for the grant from MRPA/MDHHS. Kyle Ryan also stated that an additional ranger will be hired for the Groen Preserve. Kyle Ryan stated that Ron Stahlbuck will be responsible for coordinating special events at the Groen Preserve. Kyle Ryan reported that Chuck's Electric will be replacing the lights over the gym floor on Friday April 15th. Kyle Ryan stated more information about the millage request and information about the grant opportunity for the DNR property including the dog park will be available at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- A. Health Department Request:** Kyle Ryan presented information he received from the health department regarding the criteria for distributing season passes in regards to the donation request they made at the last meeting. A motion was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Doug Johnson to approve the donation of 25 season car passes to the Health Department for low income families. Motion carried. Kyle Ryan recommended that a thank you letter be sent from the Health Department and displayed publicly.
- B. 2nd Community Center Light Bid:** Kyle Ryan reported that he received a second bid from Steve's Electric to replace the lights over the gym floor and this bid was higher than the bid from Chuck's Electric.



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New Business:

- A. Irontone Springs Bridge:** Kyle Ryan showed the members some pictures of the furthest south bridge at Irontone Springs. Kyle Ryan recommended removing the bridge. Dave Baragrey asked Kyle Ryan to have the bridge secured so that persons could not walk across it. Dave Baragrey also asked Kyle to get a bid to repair the bridge. Randy Stults asked Kyle Ryan to also get a cost to remove the bridge.

Commissioner Comments:

Randy Stults discussed a time frame on reviewing and approving components of the recreation plan. Randy Stults asked Kyle Ryan to coordinate the meeting schedule of NEMCOG with the meeting schedule of the parks board.

Dave Baragrey asked Kyle Ryan to contact local government entities to see if there are any changes in facilities.

Bill Holewinski said that Tom Dean stepped down as Manager of the Road Commission and will continue working as the Engineer. Bill Holewinski also stated that a Foreman is currently serving as Manager.

Next Meeting is Monday May 9th 2016 at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building, Room 100.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Bill Holewinski Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Attachments:

Bills List

Bid from Steve's Electric

Health Department additional information

Keri Swantek

Recording Secretary