

OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



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 August 13th, 2012.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mike Tarbutton, Will Cleaver and Bonnie Miller

Consent Agenda: To approve the July 2012 minutes with the correction "Under New Business section: Motion by Stults to donate three nights of camping at non peak time to the VFW, second by Courterier." Motion by T. Johnson, second by Courterier.

Libke Fields: Bonnie Miller was present to give us an update on youth football. Starting dates, the nights of playing were set for Wednesdays and possibly Thursdays if needed. Improvements are being made to the main building. She donated another \$1000 towards other costs at the field out of their football revenues. Everything is going well and parents are excited. Will Cleaver came in later to our meeting and proposed a 5 on 5 Adult Flag Football League to be played on Mondays starting after Labor Day. We went over costs and other ideas. He will get with Mike and we will get an update at the next meeting. We told him we are all for it.

Public Comment: None.

Budget: 2013 Budget is due August 20th. Request from Boy Scout Troop 14 to use one of our pavilions the last Saturday in August. They will be selling hot dogs, etc. with a license from the Health Department. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Stults to donate the fee. So moved and passed. Mike discussed organizations use of the pavilions on Saturdays and Sundays at no cost. He gave us six options. After plenty of discussion of the pros and cons, a motion by Baragrey, second by Cruz to choice the third option which is everyone will pay a pavilion charge and pay a vehicle pass charge on the weekends. If an Organization wants a donation of said pavilion and vehicle fees it will only be considered during the week. The motion passed. Mike was directed to send a letter to the Otsego Lake Association letting them know of this change.

New Business: Mike reported that there is a possibility to hire an employee from Huron Pine that will teach an educational program at the Groen Preserve and/or the County Park. Position will cost around \$3000.00 and application needs to be filled out within the next two weeks. We all thought this would be a great addition at the Groen Preserve to set up school functions, projects, etc. Great idea. Mike

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continued with the hours of service at the Groen Preserve and commented that the dedication went well and people are visiting each day since opening.

Community Center: Roof is complete. Tom Crawley reported that on the east side of the building facing the garage there is a space where birds can fly into and make nests. It needs to be patched. Mike was directed to have Mr. Crawley repair at a cost of \$400.00. Floor will be revarnished August 20th, 2012. Center will open September 4th, 2012 on a part time basis.

Wah Wah Soo: There has been interest in the house just north of our property at Wah Wah Soo. We received a letter from Lisa Jarski, Realtor for Real Estate One, asking if the County would like to partner with her client on the purchase of this property. Mike was instructed to send a letter to Lisa letting her know we are not interested at this time and that upon the house selling that property lines will be reevaluated regarding who owns what. In the meantime we will get property lines assessed and be ready for any sale of said property.

County Park: Mike reported a big goose problem at the park. He will look at a solution and keep us apprised. Mike reported that everything is set for Cardboard Boat Race Event. County Picnic is August 22nd at the park.

Old Business: None.

Commissioner Comment: None.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 18th, 2012 at the County Park at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by T. Johnson, second by Holewinski. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Pete Awrey
Secretary

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