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**PROPOSED MINUTES  
OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2016.**

Called to order at 6:00pm by Scott Courterier

**Members Present:** Bonny Miller, Tom Johnson, Judy Jarecki, Randy Stults, Abe Cruz, Butch Fleming and Scott Courterier.

**Members Absent:** Doug Johnson, Dave Baragrey and Bill Holewinski.

Doug Johnson arrived at 6:03pm. Dave Baragrey arrived at 6:11pm.

**Others Present:** Kyle Ryan and Keri Swantek.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the June 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting was made by Butch Fleming and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion to approve the bills from June 6<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$9,130.18 was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Abe Cruz. Motion carried.

**Director's Update:**

- Kyle Ryan reported that the cabins are very busy on the weekends and rentals during the week are increasing.
- Kyle Ryan reported that the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend was full.
- Kyle Ryan stated the Mega Power Sports is now giving \$12.00 per rental of kayaks, paddle boards and pontoon boats to Otsego County Parks and Recreation.
- Kyle Ryan stated that there was extensive storm damage at the Groen Preserve and it is currently closed.
- Kyle Ryan reported that the new installation on the basketball court and the pickle ball courts at the Community Center will start Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Kyle Ryan discussed the newspaper article regarding the millage.
- Kyle Ryan reported that the Smiles Through the Miles Run at the Groen Preserve had 150 participants.
- Kyle Ryan stated that a new ranger has been hired at the Groen Preserve.
- Kyle Ryan reported that a bill from Spartan Sewer in the amount of \$400.00 was received. Kyle Ryan stated the bill from the excavator has not been received yet. Kyle Ryan also stated that Integrity Construction donated their time. Kyle Ryan said he will send them a thank you letter.

Tom Johnson expressed concern over the trees along the Community Center. Kyle Ryan said he would contact the City of Gaylord to see if they can assist with trimming some of the tree limbs.

**Old Business:**

- A. Special Use Policy:** Kyle Ryan presented an updated copy of the special use policy. A motion to accept the policy as written was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Abe Cruz. Motion carried.



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**New Business:**

- A. Attendance Policy:** The board members discussed the attendance policy in the Bylaws. The members did not make any changes to the policy.
  
- B. Reservation Fees:** Kyle Ryan reported that the staff has mistakenly charging a reservation fee to customers who paid with a credit card and it was being called a credit card fee. Kyle Ryan stated that it was not to be called a credit card fee and that reservation fees are now being charged to all customers regardless of the form of payment. Kyle Ryan stated the board can decide to either remove the reservation fee or charge all customers. Several members asked Kyle Ryan to find out the merchant services charges.
  
- C. Millage Details:** Kyle Ryan presented a list of bullet points related to the upcoming millage.

**Commissioner Comments:**

- Scott Courterier said he hoped for a positive outcome to the millage.
- Bonny Miller said she has heard a lot of positive feedback regarding the millage.

**Next Meeting** is Monday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Irontone Springs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.

**Attachments:**

Special Use Policy approved July 11<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Article 3 of the Commission's Bylaws.

List of bills from June 6<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 in the amount of \$9,130.18.