

## OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



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These are the proposed minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on September 18th, 2012.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

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

**Members Absent:** Tom Johnson, and Butch Fleming.

**Others Present:** Mike Tarbutton.

Mike received a letter from Northern Sealant for the final payment of \$5000 on roof repairs. The last \$5000 was withheld until this meeting due to a stain on finished roof due to a spill of product at the end of repairs. Chairman Dutcher saw the stain and wanted clarification and okay from the board to pay the final payment. After discussion of this we were assured that everything was fine. Another discussion ensued on holding \$1000 from this final payment due to the fact that in the original proposal it was stated that pails of foam insulation would be used and if any was left over it would be given to parks and recreation. Thru the course of fixing the roof, additional work had to be done on the four corners of the roof due to damage, age, etc. Northern Sealant repaired the areas in exchange for keeping said foam insulation. Problems arose due to Northern Sealant fixing the four areas without approval of the director; nothing was said until after the fact. Mike will get original bid and see if anything was written in proposal on fixing over and above repairs without direction from Mike. Motion by Courterier, second by Stults to pay \$4000 to Northern Sealant and withhold \$1000 until we can go thru the proposal at the October meeting. So moved. Line item transfer of the \$4000 will come out of Line Item 208-901-970-300, property improvements.

Mike continued with a request from Crossroads Industries for car pass reimbursement for 10 passes that were paid for handicap people attending a function at the park. Motion by D. Johnson, second by Cruz to reimburse the money. So moved.

Mike brought up holidays that possibly we can close on and ones that we can staff with one person for part of the day instead of regular hours. After discussion, motion by Stults, second by Courterier to close on Veteran's Day, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and shorten the three other days and staff with one employee. So moved.

Mike also informed us that monies need to be moved within line items of the budget. He showed us, explained why and he has the authority to do so.

Mike went over 2013 budget briefly. Everything is close to last year, expenses and revenues. He will keep us updated.

**Public Comment:** Looks like the dog park will be at the fairgrounds under the Animal Control Board.

**Old Business:** Per our last meeting, Mike with help from Dave Baragrey, drafted a letter to the Otsego Lake Association on use of the pavilion and waiving of fees into the park on Saturdays and Sundays. Letter was read and Mike was informed to send it.

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**Libke Field:** Lots of work has been done. Arnie still needs some material to finish it. Mike and Arnie will either finish this year or early spring. Bonnie Miller is working on the building: painting, fixing, etc. Looking good. Lots of excited fans, families, etc.. Mike visited games recently and reported that there were 243 cars parked for the September 12<sup>th</sup> games. Adult flag football has started with four teams.

**Wah Wah Soo:** Very busy summer. Mike felt we might be getting some negative image due to so many people using this area with little supervision out there. Mike will look at more supervision thru on hands or cameras, etc. Mike reported some vandalism to men's toilet and a life ring is missing/stolen.

**Irontone Springs:** Gene Skiba talked to Mike about problem with park users and his deer. He has a deer farm that backs up to our property. He said there was a fence there at one time and he feels it needs to be repaired with cost being split between him and us. We will post No Trespassing signs and monitor the situation. Five trees were removed by Stutsman Tree Service along with the stumps. One picnic table was missing last week.

**Groen Project:** Mike and John Burt took some OWLS members on a tour of the property. OWLS donated \$14,000 for the purchase of big wheels that Bailey Sides made (they are at the fairgrounds also). They will go by the Lumberjack Camp and we will put a pavilion over them. Mr. Sides also has a video of the wheels. The Groen Board approved the request for the Americorps Employees, roughly \$3800. We will share this employee with Otsego Conservation District. John Burt also requested a cross country ski groomer and a snowmobile. Mike has sent the specs over to Roger and Roger will advise the Groen Board on whether or not the existing snowmobile on site will handle our needs or if we need to purchase a bigger one to pull the groomer. Horseback riding will start soon. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends. Hitching posts are going in the ground at three different locations. Johannesburg-Lewiston schools are going to use a portion of the property for a 5K run on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Use has been very good: 183 visitors over Labor Day Weekend. A suggestion box with questionnaires is being put in.

**County Park:** Weekends have been very good. Lots of comments of how nice our park is. Up on season and day passes, pavilion use, etc. Halloween Weekend September 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> is sold out. Will have to look at having two next year. Still having geese problem. Is there a need for cabins at the park?? Mike will get us preliminary costs.

**Community Center:** We will be on full schedule September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Bear Basketball will start October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with new logo and new class. K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be taught by Kelly Parker. Zumba will start September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, gymnastics on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 and Parents and Tots has started on Tuesdays.

Mike went thru each department under our supervision and gave us a synopsis of where each started and where they are now. What a change for the good.

**New Business:** None.

**Commissioner Comment:** None.

Next meeting: Monday, October 8th, 2012 at the Community Center at 6:00pm.

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Motion to adjourn by Holewinski, second by Courterier. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Pete Awrey  
Secretary