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These are the proposed minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks & Recreation Commission held on Monday December 14th, 2015.

Meeting was called to order at 5:56p.m.

Members Present: Bill Holewinski, Dave Baragrey, Scott Courterier, Doug Johnson, Judy Jarecki, Abe Cruz, Tom Johnson and Bonny Miller.

Members Absent: Pete Awrey and Butch Fleming.

Others Present: John Burt, Arnie Quay, Keri Swantek, Randy Stults, Erma Backenstose, Mary Sievers, Dave Johnson, Sue Smith, Cathy Johnson, Marian Lammers and Chuck Lammers.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the November 9th, 2015 meeting was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Bill Holewinski. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- A. Mary Sievers from North Central Academy requested use of half of the gym 2 days per week from January – February for basketball practices for half the regular price. A motion to allow Mary Sievers to rent half of the gym at half price was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Tom Johnson. Motion carried.
- B. Arnie Quay presented a request from Jerome Garrett to hold a large reunion at the County Park. The board agreed to allow the event to proceed.
- C. Arnie Quay presented a request from Chad Piehl for holding a Men’s Basketball League at the Community Center. The members advised Arnie Quay to talk with Chad Piehl and establish a sign up deadline for the league of January 8th, 2016. Further discussion on this issue was tabled.

Budget: The members were presented with copies of the budget reports for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Nature Preserve.

Bills: Approved to go to finance for payment.

Administrator’s Update:

- A. **Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve:** John Burt stated that John Werlein has been hired as a trail ranger.
- B. **Community Center:** John Burt updated the members on activities at the Community Center. Dave Baragrey updated the members on the Bear Basketball League starting January 9th, 2016.

New Business:

- A. **Community Recreation Plan Amendments:** John Burt updated the board on the tennis court expansion and trail expansion. John Burt reported he is looking to add these projects to the community recreation plan. Cathy Johnson from the American Regional Tennis Association spoke on the youth tennis program and expressed concern over the condition of the tennis courts. Randy Stults identified corrections that needed to be made to the project addition paperwork.



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- B. **2016 Meeting Schedule:** A motion to approve the 2016 meeting schedule as presented was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Abe Cruz. Motion carried.

- C. **Election of Officers:** Dave Baragrey reported this will take place at the next meeting.

- D. **Applications to Parks Board:** Dave Baragrey reported that the terms of himself, Abe Cruz and Pete Awrey will be expiring this year. Dave Baragrey reported Pete Awrey will not be renewing his term. Dave Baragrey reported that applications have been received from Abe Cruz, Dave Baragrey and Randy Stults. A motion to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners the acceptance of the three applicants was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

- E. **Other Business not on Agenda:** John Burt updated the board on the hiring process for the new director.

Commissioner Comments: Judy Jarecki stated that Corwith Township is working on the Gateway Committee on Trail Town.

Bonny Miller reported she will be serving as Chester Township supervisor beginning in January.

Bill Holewinski, Scott Courterier and Doug Johnson offered congratulations to Bonny Miller on her new position. Dave Baragrey offered gratitude to Pete Awrey for his service on the board. Dave Baragrey also expressed excitement on Randy Stults joining the board.

Next Meeting is Monday January 11th, 2016 at 6:00p.m. at the Otsego County Building, Room 100.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Abe Cruz. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Keri Swantek
Recording Secretary