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These are the proposed minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

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

**Members Absent:** Tom Johnson.

**Others Present:** Mike Tarbutton and John Burt.

Introduction of Scott Courterier, appointed to Parks and Recreation Commission for a three year term 2012-2014.

**Consent Agenda:** Approval of previous minutes. Motion by Stults, second by Fleming.

**Public Comment:** None.

Meeting was turned over to John Burt, Otsego County Administrator, for a report on the Louis M Groen Nature Preserve. John passed out copies of the logo and seals that will be used in conjunction with the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve. After discussion we voted on the upper and lower right side logo and seal (see attached). John passed out a copy of the proposed lease agreement with Don Sklarczyk. We went thru the agreement and made a motion to accept said lease with the stipulation on the spraying of pesticides; that a 24 hour notice be given to the director or said designee so that concerned people can be notified of the spraying. Motion by Stults, second by D. Johnson. We went over trail plans and site location. We also discussed design ideas of proposed buildings. After all discussion, a motion to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners approval of said site plan on Phase I of the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve; which includes the northwest check in site and station, all gates, storage facilities, restrooms, protection fencing, trail signage, and repairs of the Echo Valley repair building and restrooms for the logging facilities. Motion by Stults, second by Fleming. John and Mike will provide a six month budget for 2012 by the March or April meeting.

At this point (roughly 6:26pm) Chad excused himself from the meeting and Dave Baragrey took over.

**Bills:** Approved to go to finance for payment.

**Budget:** Went over the mile reimbursement and wrote down all the miles driven by board members. 2011 budget is complete. Fund Balance as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 was \$188,162.26. There were some concerns that we do not offer a reduced price to county residents for day passes



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at the park vs. nonresidents. Motion by Stults, second by Fleming to change day pass rate to reflect a change of \$3.00 for resident day passes and \$4.00 for nonresident day passes.

**Old Business:** The Otsego County Board of Commissioners approved the resolution to reestablish the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission. We tabled bylaw discussions Articles VI-X until March meeting.

**Community Center:** Everything is going well, very busy. We talked about roof at the center. Mike will put this out for bid with dates of when we want the work to start and finish.

**New Business:** None.

**Commissioner Comment:** None.

Next meeting: Monday, March 12th, 2012 at the Community Center at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Fleming, second by Holewinski. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Pete Awrey  
Secretary