

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 June 11th, 2012.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

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

Members Absent: Abe Cruz and Tom Johnson.

Others Present: Mike Tarbutton, Bonnie Miller, Marv Evans and Jacob Evans.

Consent Agenda: To approve the May 2012 minutes with a corrections to the section under cost of sprinkler system being split by us and the GYIF. Motion by Stults, second by Holewinski.

Public Comment: Bonnie Miller from GYIF was present to give us an update on flag football. We went over the insurance waiver with Bonnie bringing a copy for our files. Mike reminded her that we also need to be included in the Waiver of Liability. Bonnie said everyone that she emailed is excited with the possibilities of this year at the county fields. They are willing to help us in anyway. We talked about upcoming camp in July and she read a note from GYIF thanking us for the opportunity. We also let Bonnie know that we want the fields to be used, don't underuse them. Before leaving GYIF wrote a check for \$500 towards the cost of getting things going.

Marv and Jacob Evans were present to ask for our help on a proposed fishing contest as a fundraiser for the GHS Athletic Department to be held in June of 2013. They would need a pavilion at the County Park donated and the opportunity to use the boat ramp to get the fishermen in and out as part of the competition. Times need to be 8am to roughly 6pm. We are interested, but will need to get some things worked out. Tabled until the next meeting.

Verbal request from Jerry Lince on keeping the Community Center open on Sunday mornings. Mike commented that we tried this before and had very low participation. We will wait and see if Mr. Lince shows up to a meeting.

Mike reported that the Otsego County Administrator would like to amend the current recreation plan to include an Otsego Courthouse Park. The old plan will be revised, there is some concern on a water fountain and the new plan will need Planning Commission approval. There is also some responsibility issues to be worked out. Mike will keep us posted.

Bills: Approved to go to finance for payment.

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Budget: Mike reported that Butch Guthrie has retired. They had a dinner at BJ's. Guthrie was given a gift in appreciation thru donations. He also will receive a resolution from the Board of Commissioners honoring his 19 ½ years of service. We will not rehire to fill this position, thus saving expense to us. Bids for Community Center roof are due by noon on June 29th, 2012. If anyone would like to attend the opening of the bids it is at 1:30pm in Room 100 of the courthouse.

Louis M Groen Nature Preserve: Mike gave us an update on progress. Lots of things going on and getting done. Work has started on the restrooms and should be finished at the end of the month. Some changes were needed thru the Health Department, with the changes the proposal will increase from \$48,350 to \$51,000. We are advertising for help. The storage building will be delivered this Wednesday around 3pm. Still looking to open by mid July with dedication around the last week of August. Groen Trust Fund will donate \$175,000 to Otsego County for 2012 expenditures. We may enter a float in the July 4th parade in Johannesburg.

Libke Fields: Sprinkler system has been installed. Arnie Quay has removed the fence. Bonnie Miller called and would like to go on the radio with the director and talk about the flag football league. Quay has been doing some monitoring and says there is more use on weeknights after 5:00pm than most people would think. Common to see 20 plus vehicles. Day use is slow and weekends are not usually busy.

New Business: Mike reported that firework permits are getting signed to accommodate a June 30th display.

Irontone Springs: Swantek has planted the flowers. Lovelace is mowing once a week. Parks looks as good as ever. Lovelace counted 23 cars on Thursday between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm when mowing.

Wah Wah Soo: Park is very busy. Quay will test the swimming area twice and the Health Department will test twice. Quay will coordinate with the Health Department. Quay visits the park every day as part of his rounds. Yesterday at 3:00 pm there were 27 cars parks and 113 users, it's a zoo!!!

County Park: Finally had a good weekend for the Splash In. The park was full, had to turn cars away as parking was full. Almost 200 day passes sold. Mike's best guess was roughly 2500 users between camping and the show. Mike would like to install outside showers for the beach users, instead of using the regular showers. He will get estimates. Quay will test swim area, after coordinating with the Health Department.

Community Center: GHS basketball camps (4) are set. Between the four camps, roughly 150 teams. Mike stated that these camps do not get a lot of attention, but bring a lot to our community; revenue, etc. Summer Adventure Camp is getting some early registration. Horseshoe League is started. Zumba was moved for the summer. Summer schedule is on now; however, if someone wants to reserve the

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Community Center we will provide a monitor for their activity (\$25 for 1 ½ hours). Doug Hyde will be the tennis camp instructor in July. Tennis courts can wait until bids for roof replacement are read.

Old Business: None.

Commissioner Comment: None.

Next meeting: Monday, July 9th, 2012 at the Otsego County Park at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Baragrey, second by Fleming. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

Pete Awrey
Secretary