

## OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve  
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Wah Wah Soo  
Libke Fields  
Community Center

These are the proposed minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on October 8th, 2012.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

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

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

**Others Present:** Mike Tarbutton.

Motion to approve minutes with changes by Stults, second by Courterier. Changes being on two motions, both passed by voice votes and were approved. Under Public Comment it should read Animal Control Department rather than Animal Control Board. Under Old Business letter was read and Mike was directed rather than informed to send it.

We revisited the Northern Sealant issue from last meeting. Mike brought the bid and contract. There was no area where Northern Sealant was authorized to do extra work without the director's approval. After discussion of whether we should hold the \$1000 or pay Northern Sealant the money a motion was made by Dave Baragrey, second by D. Johnson to pay the final \$1000 to Northern Sealant. At this point the pros and cons were discussed and a voice vote was asked. The motion passed with 4 votes yes and 3 votes no. Mike was directed to pay Northern Sealant.

Mike went over 2012 numbers: total revenue vs. total expenses thru October 1, 2012. He also went over line items that will require more funds transferred from our fund balance. Total of \$10,000 will need to be transferred to janitorial, uniforms, repair and maintenance, cellular, electricity, gasoline and general supplies line items. After discussion a motion by D. Johnson, second by Awrey to transfer \$10,000 to these line items from the fund balance. Motion passed. There might be more transfers to personnel line items but Rachel recommends we wait until December.

The County Park is a little ahead of last year in total revenue. Anything taken in from now until the end of the 2012 will just add to the increase.

The Groen 2013 budget has been submitted to the Groen Board for approval.

**Bills:** Approved to go to Finance Committee.

**Public Comment:** The Economic Alliance/Quality of Life group went on visits to Otsego County owned structures to help promote what the County has. Out of everything the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve was singled out as something the County should promote. They are very positive and thought it was be a real gem.

**Old Business:** None.

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**Groen Nature Preserve:** Mike updated us on events. Horse use has started the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. Decided to move forward after a letter from S. Courterier was received by Tarbutton and discussed by J. Burt and S. Courterier about safety and potential problems that could occur with people bringing in their own horses. Mike will keep an eye on this and keep us up to date. The big wheels have been taken out to the preserve and we are waiting on bids for a pavilion to cover the big wheels. Motion by Stults, second by Cruz to have Mike move forward on the pavilion to cover these big wheels and to display them in accordance with the guidelines on the architectural designs used at the Groen Nature Preserve. Funding was discussed and will be put in place at a later date. Vote was taken, motion passed. Johannesburg-Lewiston school will hold part of a 5K run/walk on the property. Mike would like to close the preserve during firearm deer season (November 15<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>). Employees will still monitor during the morning and evening. Motion by Stults, second by Courterier to close the preserve during firearm deer season (November 15<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>). Vote taken, motion passed. Mike informed us on the groomer/snowmobile situation. The groomer is being ordered and the snowmobile that is at the property should do just fine. Employees will be off on Thanksgiving Day.

**County Park:** Mike went over updates at the park. Halloween Weekend was a big success. All seasonal employees are now done except Lovelace who will work as needed at the Community Center. Mike will get some prices on cabins to be used at the park. Mike said the only repair needed in 2013 would be a new roof on the shower building near the Ranger Station and possibly another mower for the parks.

**Wah Wah Soo:** Mike informed us that we will probably need to have an employee at the park in 2013. Too busy out there. We will look at it in the spring.

**Libke Fields:** Busy. Good use.

**Irontone Springs:** Sleeping

**Community Center:** Mike went over all the uses and activities at the center. Very busy. We discussed having an employee to work Friday and Saturday from 5pm to 9pm to cover birthday parties and possibly open gym vs. overtime for existing employees. As of now, we will have someone cover birthday parties as they occur but no open gym yet.

**New Business:** None.

**Commissioner Comment:** None.

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

Motion to adjourn by Stults, second by Courterier. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Pete Awrey  
Secretary

Chad Dutcher President, Dave Baragrey Vice President, Pete Awrey Secretary, Doug Johnson Otsego Co. Board of Commission, Bill Holewinski Otsego Co. Road Commission, Randy Stults Otsego Co. Planning Commission, Butch Fleming, Abel Cruz, Tom Johnson, Scott Courterier, Mike Tarbutton Director, Arnie Quay Coordinator

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