



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Otsego Lake County Park Irontone Springs 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 August 12<sup>th</sup>. 2013.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

**Members Present:** Dave Baragrey, Doug Johnson, Tom Johnson, Scott Courterier, Abe Cruz, Bonny Miller, Randy Stults and Butch Fleming.

**Members Absent:** Pete Awrey and Bill Holewinski

**Others Present:** Mike Tarbutton, Roger Latuszek, John Burt, Lori Hansman, and Dave \_\_\_\_\_.

Consent agenda approval of minutes. Motion by Tom Johnson, second by Scott Courterier. Motion passed on voice consent of the members.

**Public Comment:** Lori Hansman from Alpine Tennis Association and Dave \_\_\_\_\_ have concerns of aging tennis courts at the Community Center. Would like the fence fixed for safety. Alpine Tennis and USTA looking at state grant money to help with funding. Would like to use the Community Center tennis courts next May for a youth camp/clinic.

**Old Business:** Mike received letter from Mr. T's Glass on height of glass for viewing area at the Community Center. Motion to accept low bid from Fitzek Construction by Tom Johnson, second by Doug Johnson. Motion passes by voice consent of the members.

**Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve:** Revenue/Expenditure report given for the Smile for the Miles Race held on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Don Sklarczyk is farming the 12 acres of beans for deer food. Roger Latuszek would like to turn it back to a hay field for future horse feed/deer feed. John Burt gave a paper on proposed plan. Roger talked about tree management. Horse activity on the preserve was requested to increase from 4 days a month to 8 days a month. Motion made by Tom Johnson to increase horse activity time to 8 days a month, second by Butch Fleming. Motion passes by voice consent of the members. Conservation Easement was given for Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve.

**Irontone Springs:** There was talk about cutting gold trees down and giving the wood away. Miller Construction looked at drinking fountain for repair and will give an estimate. The board will need bids for next year.

**Libke Fields:** Agreement on the looks of the parking lot but concerns on field safety. A split rail fence will be installed by Arnie Quay and Youth Football will finance the fence.

**New Business:** Construction of cabin(s) at County Park is to be put in future budget. All are in agreement that the cabins are a good idea.

**Commissioners Comment:** Tom Johnson stated concerns of the relationship between Otsego County Parks and Recreation and Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve.

Next meeting: Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Irontone Springs at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Butch Fleming, second by Tom Johnson. Motion passes by voice consent of the members. No other business was presented and the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Bonny Miller  
Substitute Secretary