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**Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Proposed Minutes  
September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Called to order at 6:00pm at the Otsego Lake County Park by president Bonny Miller.

**Members Present:** Bonny Miller, Troy Huff[,] Randy Stults, Jack Korte, Scott Courterier and Trevor Burroughs.

**Members Absent:** Judi Jarecki and Justin Wing.

**Others Present:** Nick Bricker, Henry Mason, Jacob Brown and Keri Swantek.

Justin Wing arrived at 6:02pm.

**Presentation:** Nick Bricker discussed the possibility of having practices for a travel baseball team for boys ages 13 and under at Libke Fields. The board members asked Nick Bricker to meet with Jacob Brown to complete the paperwork and they were in favor of this opportunity.

**Public Comment (Agenda Items): None.**

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Trevor Burroughs was not listed as being present in the minutes. Justin Wing expressed concern over the order of the items under old business. [He said the Community Center lease was discussed and voted on prior to the discussion about the Community Center grant. He asked that the minutes reflect this and the board agreed]. Randy Stults asked Keri Swantek to review the recording and the notes for the meeting . Troy Huff asked the members to review the minutes when they receive them and contact Jacob Brown with any questions or concerns. Scott Courterier thanked Justin Wing for the materials he prepared for the grant opportunity for the Community Center. A motion was made to approve the previous minutes with those changes by Troy Huff and seconded by Scott Courterier. Justin Wing opposed this motion. Motion carried.

**Budget Reports:** Jacob Brown discussed the budget reports from August for the Community Center and the County Parks.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Justin Wing and seconded by Troy Huff to approve the bills dated 8/1/23-8/31/23 in the amount of \$16,115.03. Jack Korte abstained from this motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Community Center Outside Property:** Trevor Burroughs and Matt Barresi met with the city of Gaylord and they are not interested in selling the outside property as a whole or a certain portion of it.



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- 1 **Grants**
- 2 **Community Center Grant:** Jacob Brown said the deadline for the grant application was extended to September 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 and that Thom Marquardt has been working on this project.
- 3 **Sparks Grant:** Jacob Brown said the Sparks Grant is still under review and he does not have any updates at this time.
- 4 **Campsite Improvement Project:**
  1. **Asset Preservation:** Jacob Brown said Josh Brannan and the seasonal staff have placed gravel in several areas in the campground including the road edges and near the water fountains.
  2. **Campsite Improvement:** Jacob Brown and the board members discussed raising some of the campsites with fill dirt, gravel and top soil on top of the gravel after the camping season ends. Henry Mason offered to help with this project.

A motion was made by Justin Wing and seconded by Trevor Burroughs to have all the parks and recreation commission meetings at the Otsego County Building, room 100. Randy Stults said it is important to have meetings at the different facilities in order to see improvements taking place. Bonny Miller encouraged the members to visit the other parks outside of the meeting dates. Randy Stults [and Jack Korte] opposed this motion. Motion carried.

**New Business:** None.

**Director's Update:**

**County Park:** Jacob Brown said the Halloween Weekends will take place at the County Park the next two weekends and invited members to stop by.

Jacob Brown said the new John Deere gator has been ordered and is expected to be delivered in November. Trevor Burroughs asked about having the warrant start in the Spring of 2024. Jacob Brown said he will look into this.

Jacob said the swim buoys and channel marker buoys have been removed.

**Wah Wah Soo:** Jacob Brown said a board was replaced on the break wall. Jacob Brown said the swim buoys have been removed for the season.

**Libke Fields:** Jacob Brown said the flag football program has started.

**Dog Park:** Jacob Brown said things are going well at the dog park.



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**Irontone Springs:** Jacob Brown said the park has been vandalized recently including picnic tables being broken and grills ripped out of the ground. Jacob Brown said he contacted the sheriff department and the trail camera has been set up.

**Community Center:** Jacob Brown said the after-school program started today and it will take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for September. In addition, open gym for adults is being offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm.

Jacob Brown said the outdoor pickleball has been very busy. Jacob Brown said the student and adult waiver forms are with the county attorney for review.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Scott Courterier asked about the number of required board members. Jacob Brown said the board is short 1 member and the opening is posted online.

Bonny Miller said Miller Construction provided a bid for repairs for the rock on the outside of the Community Center but they are not going to accept the job due to a conflict of interest.

Jack Korte said the summer adult basketball league went well.

The next meeting is Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Otsego County Building, room 100 at 6:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

Attachments as part of these minutes:

Previous Minutes from the last meeting.

Budget Reports from August for the County Parks and the Community Center.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary