



**Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Otsego Lake County Park Irontone Springs Wah Wah Soo Libke Fields Community Center**  
These are the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on October 13, 2014.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

**Members Present:** Pete Awrey, Judy Jarecki, Bonny Miller, Scott Courterier, Dave Baragrey and Doug Johnson.

**Members Absent:** Butch Fleming, William Holewinski, Abe Cruz and Tom Johnson.

**Others Present:** John Burt, Mike Tarbutton, Kyle Johnston from Gaylord Discovery Center and Keri Swantek.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Judy Jarecki mentioned a change that needed to be made to the previous minutes. Motion by Doug Johnson, second by Scott Courterier to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried by voice consent.

**Public Comments:** Kyle Johnston from the Gaylord Discovery Center asked about rented out the community center for the last 3 weekends in October and having the fee discounted.

John Burt updated the parks board on developments at Libke Fields, the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve and the upcoming interviews for the director position. John Burt stated he is interested in having another pavilion built near the logging camp at the groen property in 2015. The parks board was in favor of this.

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

**Old Business:** Members discussed a tribute to Chad Dutcher. This issue was tabled until the next meeting. Mike Tarbutton discussed Keri Swantek's new position. This issue was tabled.

**Wah Wah Soo:** Mike Tarbutton reported the park will be closed for the season this week.

**Libke Fields:** Bonny Miller reported that \$3,000.00 was raised from the fund raiser at Alpine Chocolate Haus. Bonny also reported that flag football will wrap up this week.

**Irontone Springs:** Tarbutton reported that the backwoods need to be cleaned, the south bridge needs repair and the drinking fountain needs to be repaired in the future. Tarbutton also suggested the possibility of replanting some trees in the spring of 2015.

**Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve:** Mike Tarbutton said the Johannesburg schools asked about holding a Val Kapture 5k run on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Members discussed this issue and asked John Burt to pass this issue to the Groen Board with the approval of the parks board and their recommendation to hold the event. Mike Tarbutton also reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade student program held in September was very successful.



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The property will be closed from November 15<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup> during firearms deer season. The property will still be manned by the employees.

**County Park:** Tarbutton reported that both the Halloween Weekends went very well with approximately 75 campsites occupied for both weekends. All seasonal employees except for Charlie Lovelace are done at the park.

**Community Center:** Tarbutton reported on the programs at the center. Tarbutton also reported that the tennis backboards, basketball backboards and lines on the basketball court have been repainted.

**New Business:** Dave Baragrey informed the members they have new travel expense vouchers to fill out after each meeting.

**Commissioner Comments:** Tarbutton informed the members the Butch Fleming had a successful surgery. The terms for Bonny Miller and Scott Courterier expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. Scott Courterier said he may not be at the November meeting because of a prior commitment. Mike Tarbutton presented the board members with copies of a chart showing the director's yearly responsibilities.

**Next Meeting:** Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Pete Awrey, second by Scott Courterier. No other business was presented at the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

Keri Swantek  
Recording Secretary