



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 June 19th, 2013.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Members Present: Butch Fleming, Dave Baragrey, Pete Awrey, Doug Johnson, Bill Holewinski, Tom Johnson, Scott Courterier, Abe Cruz, Bonnie Miller, and Randy Stults.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mike Tarbutton, John Burt, Bruce Brown, and Paul Freeman.

Motion to approve previous minutes by T. Johnson, second by Cruz with following corrections: On first page correction on the spacing in the sentence parks and recreation will come up with the rest of the cost of the project which is \$2450, space between o & f. 2nd page correction was on Irontone Springs Info. Tables are out and restroom is open. Water has been tested vs. water has been test. Motion passed on voice consent of the members.

Bruce Brown and Paul Freeman were present on behalf of the youth football league and fundraising group to talk about extending the parking at the Libke Fields and fundraising possibilities to do so. They supplied us with a diagram of existing layout and where we could expand. Mike stated that the existing parking area will need upgrades along with the expanded area. Tom Johnson made a motion to allow the group to move forward with the project and to also have in writing the responsibilities of the said group to maintain and upkeep the area in the future. Second by Doug Johnson. Motion passed by voice consent of the members.

We received a request for Written Parking Easement for the house located just north of the Wah Wah Soo Park from Larry and Deb Nakfoor. Still some questions are unanswered so we tabled until the next meeting.

Mike received an email from Melinda Hamilton of the Great Start Parent Coalition about the viewing area for physically challenged and seniors at the Community Center. Low bid was from Fitzek Construction for \$4700. We are still awaiting diagram of repairs. Until we can review the plans nothing will go forward. Issue was tabled.

Louis Groen Nature Preserve: John Burt gave a small update on upcoming July 4th, 2013 race – smile for the miles. Everything is going well at the preserve. Arrows for trail marker poles to identify next intersection are in; roughly 250. We discussed the horse/wagon service at the preserve with the Cook Family Farms. Still waiting on insurance questions to be answered. Issue was tabled. The painting of the pavilion over the Big Wheels will be about \$1200 for labor and \$450 for materials. There has already been a request for a wedding at the preserve and a geocaching event is planned for July 27th, 2013. Mike finished by telling us of upcoming Groen Board Meeting in Late June/Early July. Mike believes a lot of discussion will take place about third party use of organized activities/programs at the preserve and the hours of operation.

Mike reported on step increase for Trevor Stemke and Ron Starback. Mike would like to take Trevor from \$9.87 to step one with an increase to \$10.31 and take Ron from \$9.87 to step three with an increase to \$11.27. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Miller to give the increases as Mike suggested. Motion passed on voice consent of the members.

New Business: We went over written request form for use at the parks and facilities under our umbrella. Changes and recommendations to this will be retyped and ready for our approval at the next meeting.



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Budget: Picnic tables will be made. Need roughly 15 to 20. The fine/penalty for MIOSHA was reduced from \$1000 to \$400. HR Director worked to get the fine reduced and saved \$600. Mike reported on Big Ticket advertising. There is a banner on the fence and another inside. Emails to all who gave addresses or bought a ticket on our operations.

Bills: Approved to go to finance for payment.

Old Business: Mike has started a Gantt of his duties for Otsego County. The Student Policy for Otsego County Parks and Recreation was handed out. We will give it our final once over and be ready to approve at the next meeting. Joe Duff is working on our request for an updated lease agreement for property surrounding the Community Center.

County Park: Splash In went well. Park was full with an additional 13 tent sites. Around 33 planes showed up. Boy Scouts did well with their pavilion breakfast/lunch. Mike brought up camping by retired employees of the Parks and Recreation. Mike went over what we had in place for existing employees. Motion by T. Johnson to allow retired parks and recreation employees with 20 years of service or more a reduction of park camping fees. No Second. Discussion that we should find out what the County Policy is on this before we passed. T. Johnson rescinded his motion. Mike will get the policy information. Water level is up. Mark Mellon Triathlon is June 29th, 2013. July 6th, 2013 is the fireworks at the park.

Irontone Springs: Randy and Mike Mang will look at the park trees and give us an update.

Libke Fields: Arnie had the sprinkler system replaced with different parts. The pump was kicking off/on too often. No cost to the park.

Community Center: Gym floor is revarnished and will open up on time for GHS Basketball Camps. Scholarship Revenue from United Way is done. Friends/Family has provided some funding for a few more scholarships. Mike reported that with the new Alpine Tennis Committee in town we will not do a tennis camp this summer. Lights need to be replaced over the gym floor. They last roughly two years. City of Gaylord will get to the back handicap area this coming week. City will provide the labor, we will get the materials.

Commissioner Comment: None.

Next meeting: Monday, July 8th, 2013 at the North Pavilion in the County Park at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Cruz, second by Courterier. Motion passed on voice consent. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Pete Awrey
Secretary



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