

OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



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Irontone Springs
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These are the proposed minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on May 14th, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Members Present: Chad Dutcher, Tom Johnson, Butch Fleming, Dave Baragrey, Bill Holewinski, Pete Awrey, Doug Johnson, Scott Courterier, and Randy Stults.

Members Absent: Abe Cruz.

Others Present: Mike Tarbutton, Arnie Quay, Bonnie Miller, and Trevor Adams.

Consent Agenda: Approval of previous minutes. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Stults.

Bills: Approved to go to finance for payment.

Trevor Adams was present as part of his Eagle Scout Merit Badge Process which calls for him to attend a meeting and then interview our Chairman at the conclusion of the meeting. Bonnie Miller, representing the Alpine Youth Flag Football was given the floor to ask for the use of our proposed field at Van Tyle Softball Complex. This tied in with Mike's report on the changes to this complex. Originally three softball fields, we will keep one softball field and change the other two to be a multi use soccer/football field. After discussion of insurance, scheduling, donations, etc it sounded good to allow Alpine Youth Flag Football to have a new home at the fields on Van Tyle. Bonnie and Mike will hammer out the details and have all the information at our June meeting. The proposal for the fencing at the complex came in at roughly \$20,000. Arnie Quay proposed that he could get the needed materials for roughly \$6100 to do the necessary repairs. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Holewinski to allow Arnie to do this. Proposals were also received to add to the existing sprinkler system to cover the area between the two fields that will now be one. The proposals went from \$3504, \$3715 to \$4500. A motion by T. Johnson, second by D. Johnson to accept the low bid of \$3504 from Steam Spray. Part of the sprinkler system will be donated by Alpine Youth Flag Football.

Budget: The taxes were not in the April report because it wasn't printed until April 29th, 2012. The tax dollar amount is now complete. Our revenue received was just under than what we anticipated. Stults also commented that there were some negative numbers in the report. Mike will follow up on these.

Community Center: Bid schedule for the Community Center roof was read by Chairman Dutcher. Will appear in the Weekly Choice to weeks of 5/28/12 and 6/4/12 and in the Herald Times 5/30/12 and 6/2/12. Mike received and passed on to us some requests for donations of camping nights, passes, etc from the Gaylord Hockey Association and Johannesburg-Lewiston PTO. These camping donations would only be honored on Sunday thru Thursday and Mike will coordinate to handle peek times.

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Mike reported that Parks and Recreation employees can no longer work as contract employees to Otsego County. No more officiating unless it is done on an hourly wage.

Old Business: We received the itinerary from the Parks and Recreation Summer Adventure Camp from Cinde Huff and Melissa Tallman; camp instructors. Everything looks great and is in line.

Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve: Bids have come in for the proposed restroom facility. Low bid was from B&B Construction at \$48,350. After discussion, motion by Stults to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners that the bid from B&B Construction of \$48,350 be recommended to the Louis M. Groen Advisory Board for approval. Second by Fleming. Mike went on to give us an update on lots of work that is being done. Hopefully things will continue on schedule and be ready to open in July of 2012.

Irontone Springs: Already had two weddings out there. Park is open and waiting to plant flowers.

Wah Wah Soo: Park is open. Buoys will be in by Memorial Day weekend. We will have to test the water for swimming every other week.

Libke Fields: Previous information.

County Park: 100% full for clean-up weekend. Of the 80 sites, 75 were Otsego County residents. Weather could have been better. Mike gave us a fireworks cost on porta johns, wages, pavilion, car donations to Lake Association, etc. We are on the last year of our contract/agreement with the Lake Association. Before we re-up we will have to revisit the costs. All employees have been hired and are ready to go at the County Park. We will save approximately \$9000 this summer by using 1 ½ less employees; roughly 900 man hours.

Community Center: Mike reported that Bear Basketball Girl's Jr. High league is over. Gymnastics had their show class last Tuesday. Claudia Woodhouse has a request for the summer Zumba class. Chad read to us. Class size is lower in the summer, thus class is held outside; weather permitting. Claudia went over her fee charges and wanted to know about getting a key to get into the Community Center in case of inclement weather. Mike was advised to handle with Claudia Woodhouse, but no key is to be given to anyone.

Public Comment: Frank Jasinski from the horseshoe league was also asking for a key for players to use the Community Center restrooms. Again, no key will be given, but there is a porta john outside. Mike received calls on a smoke free park and on a dog park at Libke Field.

New Business: None.

Commissioner Comment: None.

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Next meeting: Monday, June 11th, 2012 at the Otsego County Park North Pavilion at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by D. Johnson, second by Courterier. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Pete Awrey
Secretary