



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve – Otsego Lake County Park – Irontone Springs – Wah Wah Soo – Libke Fields – Community Center

**Minutes Regular Meeting  
Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission  
April 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Called to order at 6:00pm

**Members Present:** Dave Baragrey, Scott Courterier, Randy Stults, Bill Holewinski, Judy Jarecki, Abe Cruz, Justin Wing and Kellie Parker.

**Members Absent:** Bonny Miller and Doug Johnson.

**Others Present:** Kyle Ryan.

Doug Johnson arrived at 6:02pm.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** A motion was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Randy Stults to approve the minutes from the March 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Kelli Parker to approve the bills from March 6<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 in the amount of \$11,291.09. Motion carried.

**Director's Update:**

- Kyle Ryan stated that Lynn Smith was hired as the full-time trail ranger at the Groen preserve.
- Kyle Ryan reported that the new cabins are being built.
- Kyle Ryan said that two seasonal employees are starting later this week and the rest of the employees will start before Memorial Day Weekend.
- Kyle Ryan said the new benches, garbage cans and display sign will soon be put in at the campground.

**Old Business:**

- A. New State Grant:** Kyle Ryan said that the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is giving the department \$19,000.00 to be used on new benches, a drinking fountain and fence materials at Libke Fields.

**New Business:**

- Dave Baragrey asked members to send him ideas for future projects and/or improvements and he would compile a list and present it at the next meeting.
- Kyle Ryan said he would provide a list of property descriptions and property photos at the next meeting.



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**Commissioner Comments:**

- Scott Courterier, Bill Holewinski and Abe Cruz welcomed the new board members.
- Doug Johnson welcomed the new members and said he was looking forward to the summer meetings at the various parks.
- Justin Wing said he enjoyed the meeting.
- Judy Jarecki welcomed the new members.
- Randy Stults asked that the bylaws be examined.

**Next meeting is** Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building, room 100.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

**Attachments as part of this meeting:**

- Bills from March 6<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 for \$11,291.09.

Keri Swantek  
Recording Secretary