



**Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Otsego Lake County Park Irontone Springs Wah Wah Soo Libke Fields Community Center**  
These are the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on April 13, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Dave Baragrey, Scott Courterier, Tom Johnson, Abel Cruz, Judy Jarecki, Butch Fleming, Doug Johnson, and Bonny Miller.

**Members Absent:** Pete Awrey and Bill Holewinski

**Others Present:** John Burt, Gina Marchio, and Ken ~~Borton~~ [Borton]

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion by Butch Fleming, second by Scott Courterier to approve the proposed minutes from the March 9, 2015 meeting. Motion was passed by voice consent.

**Public Comment:** There were no public comments at this meeting.

**Budget:** Gina Marchio updated the Parks and Recreation Commission about the Budget.

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

**Director's Update:**

- A. **Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve** – Gina Marchio reported that the timber harvest was completed. Marchio informed the board that the Sheriff's work crew would be at the Preserve the first two weeks of May 2015 to assist Roger Latuszek with cleaning up some of the remaining harvest debris. Marchio provided Commissioners with a flyer describing all of the special activities taking place at the Preserve during the summer. Marchio reported that the March 14 Fun in any Weather, April 6 Hands on Wildlife Demonstration and April 13 Bird House Building events at the Preserve were all very well attended and enjoyed by all.
- B. **Community Center** - Gina Marchio reported that building construction is scheduled to take place this summer at the Community Center. Marchio told the Commission that the front steps need to be replaced and the floor in the foyer needs to be repaired.
- C. **Otsego Lake County Park**- Gina Marchio reported that the Otsego Lake County Park seasonal employees have been hired. Marchio ~~inform~~ [informed] the Commission that clean-up started at the campground.
- D. **Libke Fields** – John Burt informed the Commission the Libke Fields property purchase was complete.



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**Old Business:**

- A. **Community Center fees** – The Commissioner discussed keeping the current rate of \$22.50 per hour as the rental fee for the Community Center. The Community Center rental fee will be re-evaluated at a future date.
- B. **Campground Software Update** – Gina Marchio informed the Commissioners that the Itinio Software was ordered for the County Park. Marchio said that she had started providing Itinio with the information they need to create the campground software.
- C. **Community Center Survey Results** – Gina Marchio provided the Commissioners with a copy of the Community Survey Results. Marchio discussed some of the survey responses. Marchio said that according to the survey, the community would like to see more senior programs at the Center. Dave Baragrey suggested that Marchio contact the Commission on Aging to get their input on programs. Marchio also stated that she would like to encourage adult daycare centers to bring their participants to the Center for activities.

**New Business:**

- A. **Irontone Springs reservations/fees** – Gina Marchio told the Commissioners that she had received requests to reserve Irontone Springs for weddings. Dave Baragrey stated that if Irontone Springs was to be reserved, users would need to pay a fee to reserve the park. Baragrey suggested that a sign and some temporary barriers would need to be purchased if Irontone Springs if the Commission decided to make the pavilion at Irontone Springs reservable. Scott Courterier discussed having an Otsego County Parks and Recreation employee at Irontone Springs at the beginning to codon off the reserved area and end of every reserved event to make sure the park was free from garbage. The Commissioners asked Gina Marchio to generate a list of rules and a fee structure for the rental of Irontone Springs. The issue was set aside for further discussion at the May 11, 2015 meeting.
- B. **Gaylord Skate Park** – John Burt informed the Commissioners that the City of Gaylord needed to move the Gaylord Skate Park. John Burt stated that the Gaylord City Council asked the Otsego County if they would be interested in having the Skate Park equipment become part of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation. Tom Johnson stated that there wasn't enough money in the Parks and Recreation budget to move and maintain the Skate Park. Motion by Tom Johnson, second by Bonny Miller to turn down the offer to own and operate the Skate Park. The motion was passed by voice consent.
- C. **Smile through the Miles Race at Louis M. Groen Preserve** – Don Sklarczyk requested the right to have a Smile through the Miles Race at the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve



**Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Otsego Lake County Park Irontone Springs Wah Wah Soo Libke Fields Community Center** on July 4, 2015. John Burt informed the Commission that the money raised at the race will pay for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Preserve. Motion made by Scott Courterier, second by Doug Johnson to approve the Smiles through the Miles Race at the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve. The motion was passed by voice consent.

- D. Community Center Building Repairs** – Gina Marchio informed the Commission that Community Center building would be under construction this summer. John Burt told the Commission that an Architect and Engineer had been to the Center to discuss the front steps, front foyer, the building’s drainage problem along the tennis courts, and a few repairs that are needed so that the Community Center to be licensed for childcare. Dave Baragrey suggested that an ADA compliant entrance ramp should be added to the front of the building. John Burt showed the Commissioners plans for a covered entrance for the building.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Judy Jarecki informed the Commission that the Village of Vanderbilt is interested in creating a trailhead for the Pigeon River Gateway with bathrooms and a parking lot.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Otsego County Community Center.

A motion to adjourn was made by Abel Cruz and seconded by Scott Courterier.

No other information was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Gina Marchio, Recording Secretary.