



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 April 16th, 2013.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

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

Members Absent: Bill Holewinski.

Others Present: Mike Tarbutton and Roger Latuszek.

Consent Agenda to approve minutes of previous meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Fleming, second by Cruz. Motion passed on voice consent of the members.

Roger Latuszek was present from the Groen Nature Preserve to discuss possible problems that could arise on allowing organizations and/or individuals to have fundraisers at the Groen Nature Preserve. Per the Easement Agreement Page 4, Section 4, any fees charged or income generated from activities at the Groen Nature Preserve stay at the Groen Nature Preserve for maintenance and upkeep of the protected property. We discussed this for awhile and even though we felt that this wasn't the intent when the Easement Agreement was drafted we will abide by it until this issue is revisited and changed. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Fleming to follow the rules set down in the Easement Agreement. Motion passed on voice consent of the members. Roger also brought up camping at the Groen Property. It won't always be in the same area; it will be moved around to keep the area fresh. No Problem.

Mike brought up that the Great Start Coalition has applied for a grant from The Community Foundation. The grant is for \$5000.00 to provide a viewing area at the Community Center. Representatives for the Great Start Coalition were not available for our meeting so we tabled this issue until we have a representative here to instruct on how to follow procedures. Mike commented that the Great Start Coalition did receive a grant of \$500 from Wal-Mart. This will be used for signage, etc around the Community Center.

Mike met with Ed Tholl from the City of Gaylord. Arnie and Ed will look at how to level out the back entryway at the Community Center and then pave on cement. We will provide the materials.

Mike reported that the Guardian Gals requested use of the County Park for a 5k, 10k, and half marathon on October 5th, 2013. As with the Mark Mellon Triathlon the Guardian Gals will cover the vehicle passes. Runners will be offered a discount to camp at \$15.00 per night. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Bonnie to allow this. Motion passed on voice consent of the members.

Otsego County Volunteer Center has requested use of the County Park for camping (4 nights) and a birthday party at the Community Center to auction off at their upcoming banquet. Camping is for Sunday thru Thursday. After discussion motion was made by Cruz, second by D. Johnson to give 4 nights camping with parking pass but not the birthday party due to scheduling conflicts. Motion passed on voice consent of the members.

Bills: Approved to go to finance committee for payment

Mike reported he would like to have a phone at the Welcome Center at a cost of roughly \$50.00 per month. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Courterier. Motion passed on voice consent of the members.



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Old Business: Mike reported that the Adult and Youth Disciplinary Action Policy are almost ready. We discussed more and things were deleted and added. We will make changes and review at the next meeting. We also discussed that the Chairman would appoint a committee of 5 (three regular and two alternates) to hear any possible grievances that may occur. This will happen when the policy is in place.

Public Comments: None.

Mike went over some ideas on the trail system at the Groen Nature Preserve. There will be improvements, maps of groomed trails in the winter months, etc. Board thanked Bonnie for her work on requirements and instruction on cross country trails and ski area. Mike will keep us updated as changes occur. Information signs could be provided on the history of the property, what they did at the lumberjack camp, etc. They will start identifying trees and some of the wildlife on the yellow trail. Johannesburg Library has a program where the youth plant some trees/vegetation. They would like to do so down by the lake viewing area. They must have approval from the board and get with Otsego Conservation District before anything can be planted. Vision Committee Meeting has been scheduled for May 2nd, 2013 in Johannesburg at 2:00pm.

Irontone Springs, Libke Fields, Wah Wah Soo: All sleeping, no information.

County Park: Quay will transfer as soon as weather permits. Lovelace will start as soon as he can. All seasonal employees will start May 20th, 2013.

Community Center: Keri and Mike will operate the Center when Quay transfers. Baseboards have been installed. Mike reported nice article in the newspaper on playgroup and the new T.V.'s and equipment. Zumba has left, cannot afford the cost any longer. Will come up with new program and ideas for that time slot.

New Business: Schedule of all 12 meetings of this board need to be posted. Mike will handle.

Commissioner Comment: None.

Meeting for youth football is April 23rd, 2013. We talked about possible improvements at the fields, etc.

Randy Stults suggested a letter be drafted thanking Wal-Mart for the donation of T.V.'s and equipment. Mike will follow up with that. Randy also recommended that we get Mike to document his weekly and monthly procedures of doing his job so when he gets ready to retire it will be a smooth transition for the new director.

Next meeting: Monday, May 13th, 2013 at the Community Center at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Stults, second by Miller. Motion passed on voice consent. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Pete Awrey
Secretary



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