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**MINUTES**  
**OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

Called to order at 6:00pm.

**Members Present:** Tom Johnson, Judy Jarecki, Randy Stults, Scott Courterier, Bill Holewinski, Abe Cruz, Dave Baragrey and Doug Johnson.

**Members Absent:** Butch Fleming and Bonny Miller.

Butch Fleming arrived at 6:02pm.

**Others Present:** John Burt, Kyle Ryan, Stephanie Loria and Keri Swantek.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the July 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Randy Stults. Motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion to approve the bills from July 4<sup>th</sup> thru July 31<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$38,195.00 was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Scott Courterier. Motion carried. Bills were approved to go to finance for payment.

**Director's Update:**

- Kyle Ryan reported that the County Park has been very busy.
- Kyle Ryan stated that the 100.3 radio station held a promotion at the County Park this past weekend.
- Kyle Ryan reported that the tennis courts at the Community Center were under construction and the fence will be looked at tomorrow.
- Kyle Ryan reported that the parks millage passed.
- Kyle Ryan stated the Groen Nature Preserve is opened again.
- Kyle Ryan mentioned that the new pickle ball courts and basketball courts at the Community Center have been very busy and he has had some people interested in starting a pickle ball league.
- Kyle Ryan reported that the BHC Grant increased the grant amount to \$36,000.00
- Kyle Ryan said he will be writing a RAP grant for additional fire rings.
- Kyle Ryan stated he recently had a meeting with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority and they said things are good at the parks.
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**Old Business:** Kyle Ryan reported that the city agreed to help with the trimming or removal of the trees in front of the Community Center. The board members advised Kyle Ryan to contact the Otsego Conservation District for their recommendation.

**New Business:**

- A. Parks Plan:** Stephanie Loria from NEMCOG provided the members with the results from the public input survey. Stephanie Loria stated that the goals and objectives in the plan need to be updated. Kyle Ryan asked the board members to submit their comments to him and he will get those revisions to NEMCOG. Randy Stults stated that the Otsego Lake Township Park is adding a zip swing line at their park.



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- B. Budget Drafts:** Kyle Ryan presented drafts of the 2017 budgets for the Parks and Recreation and the Groen Preserve. John Burt reported that the Groen Preserve budget may need to be amended to include developments to the additional 25 acres at the Groen Preserve in the near future.
- C. Equipment List:** Kyle Ryan presented the members with a list showing the conditions of some of the equipment and prospects for purchasing new items.
- D. Wah Wah Soo Fence:** Kyle Ryan proposed building a fence along the property line. John Burt said a survey costs approximately \$300.00. A motion was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Randy Stults to have a survey conducted to establish the north property line. Motion carried. Butch Fleming suggested having survey conduction on the entire park. Tom Johnson amended his motion to have the survey establish the north and south boundary lines. Randy Stults seconded this amended motion. Motion carried.
- E. Concessions Breakdown:** Kyle Ryan presented the members a list showing concession expenses and breakdowns as of July 24<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**Commissioner Comments:** Dave Baragrey said he was happy the millage passed. He paid \$271 for yard sign and would welcome help in paying for them. In addition he has \$200 in advertising but that is like writing a check to himself so no help is needed there.

**Next meeting is** Monday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 at the Otsego Lake County Park.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Scott Courterier. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Attachments:

- List of bills from July 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 – July 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 in the amount of \$38,195.00.
- Budget Draft,
- Equipment List,
- Concession Breakdown,
- Recreation Plan survey summary from NEMCOG
- Wah Wah Soo survey to this list.