



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 Monday August 10, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

Members Present: Dave Baragrey, Judy Jarecki, Butch Fleming, Abe Cruz, Tom Johnson and Doug Johnson.

Others Present: Gina Marchio

Members Absent: Scott Courterier, Pete Awrey, Bill Holewinski and Bonny Miller.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2015 meeting was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Tom Johnson. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No public were made at the meeting.

Budget: Gina Marchio provided the board members with copies of the budget reports showing that revenue, at both the County Park and Community Center, was up compared to forecasted budgets. A motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Tom Johnson. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion to approve the bills was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Tom Johnson. The motion carried. Bills were approved to go to finance for payment.

Director's Update:

- A. Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve** – Marchio reported that a tree service was hired for 5 days to continue cleaning up the timber harvest. Marchio told the board that the tree service would be chipping down trees and hauling logs, too large to chip to a dump site on the property.
- B. Community Center** - Marchio reported that the front steps are under construction and the fire alarm system was installed. Marchio told the board she is meeting with a playground company to see how much it would cost to replace the playground at the Center.
- C. County Park** – Marchio reported that the Mark Mellon Triathlon was well attended with 99 participants. Marchio told the board that the campground has been full or near full every weekend this summer. Marchio, also reported that a large number of reservations have been made for 2016.
- D. Wah Wah Soo** – Marchio reported that she had received a complaint about locks on the bathroom doors and that the problem had been fixed. Marchio told board members that the sand in front of the restrooms had eroded away causing a step up onto the concrete around the bathroom. Board members were told that sand had been ordered to fill in the wash out.
- E. Irontone Springs** – Marchio reported that the first pavilion reservation has been made.
- F. Libke Fields** – Nothing
- G. Other** – Marchio updated the board members about the situation involving Mike Tarbutton.

Old Business:



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- A. Signs for Irontone Springs, Wah Wah Soo and County Park** – Marchio reported that all of the signs have been ordered for a total cost of \$1708.61.
- B. Afterschool Program Update** – Marchio reported that the afterschool program would be either 4th - 12th grade or 7th – 12th grade.
- C. MMRMA Park Suggestions** – Marchio present board members with a list of recommended park improvements from MMRMA.

New Business:

- A. 2016 Budget** – Marchio presented board members with a tentative 2016 Parks and Recreation budget. A motion to recommend maintaining current staffing levels of one Director, one Coordinator, one Community Center Monitor, five seasonal County Park Rangers and two Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Rangers was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Tom Johnson. Motion carried. A motion to recommend adding the purchase of 10 picnic tables, a barcode scanner, a receipt printer, a tune up for the tractor and a deck repair for the mower was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Butch Fleming. Motion carried.

Commissioners Comments:

Next Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Community Center.

A motion to adjourn was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Butch Fleming. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Gina Marchio