

## OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION



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These are the proposed minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on January 14th, 2013.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

**Members Present:** Butch Fleming, Dave Baragrey, Pete Awrey, Doug Johnson, Abe Cruz, Bill Holewinski, Scott Courterier, and Randy Stults.

**Members Absent:** Tom Johnson.

**Others Present:** Mike Tarbutton, the Alpine Tennis Association: Laura Hansmann, Cathy Johnson, Dave Johnson, Sheila Simpson and Bill Michaels.

Motion to approve minutes from December meeting by Doug Johnson, second by Fleming. Motion approved.

Election of Officers for 2013: Motion by Stults, second by Cruz to nominate Pete Awrey for secretary. Motion approved. Motion by Fleming, second by Holewinski to nominate Scott Courterier for Vice Chairman. Motion approved. Motion by Fleming, second by Cruz to nominate Dave Baragrey for Chairman. Motion approved.

**Bills:** Approved to go to finance committee for payment

**Public Comments:** Members of the Alpine Tennis Association were present to give us an overview of the tennis program in Otsego County; how we can help them and what they can do for us thru grants, classes, etc. They presented their short and long term goals for the area and will follow up with Mike Tarbutton as we move forward.

**Budget:** Mike went over some areas in the budget that we will need to transfer funds to this month. Motion by Stults, second by Cruz to transfer \$1500 from fund balance to general supplies line item. Motion approved. Mike went over Groen budget and revenue issues, purchases, etc, and some concerns on limited hours at the Groen Preserve. We will look at the hours of service with Mike and get a more consistent schedule of hours as we move forward. Mike is working with John Burt and Roger on a request for a snowmobile that is designated for pulling a groomer. Mike went over the heating system at the Community Center. The baseboard shells need to be replaced and the boiler system needs to be upgraded. Mike will get us some prices. The last storm damaged a lot of trees at the County Park and Irontone Springs. Mike will get prices to clear up areas as we get closer to spring. Mike hired Otsego County Maintenance to plow at the Community Center for \$35 per each time. He also will see if buildings and grounds would do it cheaper. He will keep us posted. Abe Cruz talked to K. Drummond from Wal-Mart and we could get two TV's and 2 Wii systems at cost or we could go to Wal-mart.com and apply for a grant to see if they would donate to the Community Center. Mike will go online and see what the guidelines are, etc.

**Old Business:** Signs are being installed in front of the Community Center stating where the handicap door is and the door will be unlocked during open hours.

**Community Center:** Center is very busy. We have a request from St. Mary's Basketball to use the center for practice during their Fund Fest. 9 total hours, value \$90. We also have a request from the Cub Scouts for use of the center for the Pinewood Derby, value \$100. Motion by D. Johnson, second by Awrey to allow both groups to

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use the center. Motion approved. Both will be donated. Fire alarms and smoke detectors have been purchased and are being installed.

**Louis M. Groen:** The trails for skiing have been groomed. The snowmobile provided barely does the job. A donation pole has been put in and states that any donations received will go towards a new groomer. Mike purchased six pairs of snowshoes that can be rented. Justin from Americorps touched up the brochures and event brochures for his program.

**Irontone Springs:** Tree damage. We will take care of it in the spring.

**Wah Wah Soo/Libke Fields:** Closed.

**County Park:** Mike ordered Day-Vehicle-Boat Ramp (all one) and season passes. Eliminated boat and vehicle passes.

**New Business:** Mike went over his ideas on replacing him as he is nearing retirement. He would like to work with the replacement to make the transition smoother. Mike gave us the public act and what is state's pertaining to hiring, etc. Mike gave us his concerns and his wishes. We will work with him as we near this time of his retirement.

**Commissioner Comment:** None.

Next meeting: Monday, February 11th, 2013 at the Community Center at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Cruz, second by Fleming. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Pete Awrey  
Secretary