



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve
Irontone Springs
Libke Field
Pontresina Park

Otsego Lake County Park
Wah Wah Soo
Community Center

**Minutes Regular Meeting
Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission
July 16th, 2018**

Called to order at 6:01pm.

Members Present: Dave Baragrey, Bonny Miller, Randy Stults, Bill Holewinski, Kelli Parker and Doug Johnson.

Members Absent: Judy Jarecki, Scott Courterier, Abe Cruz and Justin Wing.

Others Present: Kyle Ryan and Keri Swantek.

Previous Minutes for Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission: A correction was noted by Bill Holewinski in the minutes listing Kelli Parker as Absent when she arrived late. A motion to accept the minutes with the correction was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Bill Holewinski. Motion carried.

Previous Minutes for Joint Meeting with Groen Visioning Board and Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission: A motion to approve the minutes from the Joint Meeting held on June 26th 2018 was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: A motion was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Bill Holewinski to accept the bills in the amount of \$28,867.98. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: The members discussed the financial reports from June for the Groen Preserve, the County Park and the Community Center.

Director's Updated:

- Kyle Ryan said on June 30th the transformer blew and Consumers Energy fixed it by 11:45pm.
- Kyle Ryan discussed getting estimates to upgrade the power to most, if not all the sites in the North Campground. Randy Stults asked Kyle Ryan to get more information from Consumers Energy on the cost of engineering and a timeline.
- Kyle Ryan said the fireworks show went well.
- Kyle Ryan said he received a bid from Northern Michigan Engineering for \$6,800.00 for the dump station. This proposal included volume for 80 sites, the office, the host camper site, increased volume as campers get bigger and additional volume for an additional 40 campsites. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Bonny Miller to authorize Kyle to go ahead with Northern Michigan Engineering for the engineering to the septic system at the county park with an estimated amount of \$6,800.00. Motion carried.
- Kyle Ryan said he was meeting with someone from Apple Fencing to get a cost on the backstop and fencing at Libke Fields.



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Old Business:

- A. Meeting with Groen Visioning Committee:** The members discussed the meeting. Randy Stults asked Kyle Ryan to make a timeline for projects and dates.

New Business:

- A. Groen Entrance Bids:** Kyle Ryan reported that no bids were received on the new entrance and that C2AE recommended to wait until the Fall to advertise for bids again. Kyle Ryan said he emailed the Groen Foundation Board Members on the status of the project.
- B. New Property/campground plan ideas:** Kyle Ryan presented a map with the two new parcels with potential ideas including two ten site loops, using an area for staff parking and overflow parking, create a patio for Wi-Fi in the existing Ranger Station location. Kyle Ryan also presented the idea of putting in boat slips and an extra parking area near the boat slips.

C. Capital Improvements Plan update: Kyle Ryan presented an updated plan that included

- purchased a new truck.
- purchased new computer and two monitors.
- Purchased a new lawn tractor.
- purchased some split rail fencing.
- the security system will not be installed until after the Ranger Station is moved.
- the beach enhancement project was completed in May.
- moving the Ranger Station in October.
- purchasing some new picnic tables.
- purchasing some material for leveling some of the campsites.
- Randy Stults asked that money be put into leveling campsites in future years.
- Irontone - Nothing has taken place this year.
- Pontresina Park- Nothing has taken place this year.
- A decision has not been made on a water source at Wah Wah Soo.

Bonny Miller suggested putting water jugs at Wah Wah Soo as a temporary solution. Kyle Ryan suggested a locking wooden container with access to a spout to a cooler. Kyle Ryan said a composite container would cost approximately \$1,200.00.

Kyle Ryan said there will be a connector trail from the Iron Belle Trail to the Pontresina Park.

Commissioner Comments:

- Randy Stults said he sent Kyle Ryan some pictures of a boat and trailer parked at Wah Wah Soo that was taken up 3 parking spaces. Randy Stults suggested putting a fence along the north property line or getting an ordinance to put up a sign that says no overnight parking.
- Bonny Miller told Kyle Ryan he was doing a great job.
- Doug Johnson asked about the roof of pavilion at the Pontresina Park. Kyle Ryan said the material was going to be removed.



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The next meeting is Monday August 13th 2018 at 6:00pm at Irontone Springs.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Bill Holewinski. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Attachments as part of this meeting:

- Financial Reports from June for the Community Center, the County Parks and the Groen Preserve.
- Bills list in the amount of \$28,867.98.
- Map of potential ideas for 2 new parcels.
- Updated Capital Improvements Plan.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary