



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve – Otsego Lake County Park – Irontone Springs – Wah Wah Soo – Libke Fields – Community Center

MINUTES
OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 12TH 2017

Called to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Randy Stults, Dave Baragrey, Scott Courterier, Bonny Miller, Bill Holewinski and Doug Johnson and [Justin Wing].

Members Absent: Doug Johnson, Judy Jarecki, Abe Cruz and Kelli Parker.

Others Present: Melissa Fitzgerald, Rachel Frisch, John Burt, Kyle Ryan, Keri Swantek and Lynn Hause.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Scott Courterier to approve the minutes from May 8th 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

Doug Johnson arrived at 6:02pm.

Public Comment:

-Keri Swantek asked the board members to name one of the new cabins after Chad Dutcher and the second new cabin after John Burt. A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller to rename Cabin 1 the Dutcher Cabin and rename Cabin 2 the Burt Cabin. Motion carried.

-Lynn Hause from the North Central Michigan Volleyball Club requested a reduced rate to rent the Community Center for volleyball practices. A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller to not reduce the standard rental rate for this event. Motion carried.

-Dave Baragrey discussed an email he received from Dave Johnson regarding the condition of the tennis courts.

Bills: A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Bonny Miller to accept the bills from May 1st – May 31st in the amount of \$55,621.28. Motion carried.

Director's Update:

- Kyle Ryan reported that the Splash-in weekend was full at the campground.
- Kyle Ryan stated that the Otsego County Library received a grant to install Wi-Fi in rural areas and offered this grant to the Groen Property. Kyle Ryan said he will be attending a meeting about this grant and hopes to have more information at the next meeting.
- Kyle Ryan said the new cabins are very busy.
- Kyle Ryan stated that the walking with ease program as part of the Building Healthy Communities grant program will again be offered to the Commission on Aging this summer.



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John Burt said he enjoyed working with the parks and recreation board and updated the members on phase 2 of the Groen Preserve. Dave Baragrey thanked John Burt for his service to the county.

Old Business:

- A. Officer Vote Question:** Dave Baragrey reported that officers were not elected at the January 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Doug Johnson to approve the officers as stated Dave Baragrey as President, Scott Courterier as Vice President and Randy Stults as Secretary. This motion was seconded by Bonny Miller. Randy Stults was opposed to this motion. Motion carried.
- B. Update on Repair and replacement schedule/ Committee:** - tabled.

New Business:

- A. Special Request Application:** This issue was discussed during the public comment portion of the meeting.
- B. Pontresina Park:** John Burt discussed the parks department taking of management of the park. Randy Stults asked to have a legal description written designated the portion of the property that the parks department would be responsible for.
- C. Back Gate at Campground:** John Burt reported that he received several calls from residents upset that the walking path near the back gate at the campground was blocked when the cabins were relocated. John Burt said that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners said the walking path will remain open.
- D. Campground Wi-Fi:** Kyle Ryan presented a proposal from Doug Johnson to install Wi-Fi at the campground in the amount of \$6,442.00. The board members declined this proposal.

Commissioner Comments:

Scott Courterier, Bonny Miller and Bill Holewinski thank John Burt for his service to the county and wished him luck in his new position.

Next meeting is Monday July 10th at 6:00pm at the Otsego Lake County Park.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made the Doug Johnson and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.



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Attachments as part of this meeting:

- Bills from May 1st = May 31st 2017 in the amount of \$55,621.28.
- North Central Michigan Travel Volleyball Club Flyer.
- Pontresina Park Future Uses Map.

Keri Swantek
Recording Secretary