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Community Center

OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
315 South Center Gaylord Mi 49735
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These are the proposed minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on March 12th, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

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

Members Absent: Tom Johnson.

Others Present: Mike Tarbutton and John Burt.

Consent Agenda: Approval of previous minutes. Motion by Holewinski, second by Fleming.

Groen Nature Preserve: John Burt gave his report. We talked about phase one and what operation, non construction capital and construction capital will need to be requested. Roughly \$267,000 to be presented to the committee. After discussion on these requests, a motion was made by Stults, second by Holewinski to allow John and Mike to present to the committee the need of roughly \$267,000. John and Mike will be in Ohio and present these needs within the next couple of weeks. The county will pick up John's expenses and we approved Mike's expenses for this two day presentation. John went over the Groen Ordinance and we were all given a copy. After some sections were corrected a motion was made by Stults, second by Fleming to approve Ordinance No. 2012-1, Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Ordinance as revised and with said corrections. John presented a copy of the proposed nature preserve sign and we approved the sign, as presented to us. Mike reported that up to three part-time employees will be hired in May.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: Approved to go to finance for payment.

Budget: The Otsego County Community Center roof replacement criteria were dropped off to him just before our meeting today from Todd Seidell. Mike will make copies and we will advertise and take bids the whole month of June, with construction to begin in August.

Old Business: We went over the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Bylaws VI – XII. Motion to approve the bylaws by Stults, second by Fleming with correction on spelling in Article X and approval of agenda in Section II. Mike and Pete will look at this and proceed with any changes or leave as is. Mike informed us that he will attend the Kiwanis meeting on Thursday to give them an update on Parks and Recreation.



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Libke Fields: Starting to look at changes and repairs. Todd Seidell has offered his assistance at no cost.

Wah Wah Soo: Marking on trees for trimming branches. Restrooms will open as weather permits.

Irontone Springs: Was cleaned and raked in December by a work crew, so spring maintenance should be minimal.

County Park: Mike will not advertise for seasonal help, he is all set. We will operate with a reduction of 1 ½ employees from previous years. North campground road has a gate and Quay has requested that the South Campground has a gate also. We agree. Mike gave us a list of upcoming events as follows:

May 4-6: Clean Up Weekend
June 8 – 10: Sea Plane Splash In.
June 19-24: Military Appreciation Week
June 30: Fireworks
July 7: Mark Mellon Triathlon
August 25-26: Remote Control Plane Fly In
Sept 28-30: Halloween Weekend

Community Center: Dave Baragrey received the “You made it happen” Award for his leadership with the Bear Basketball Program. Much deserved!! Mike went over what’s going on at the Community Center. Butch Guthrie will retire at the end of the school year. Thanks Butch.

Commissioner Comment: None.

Next meeting: Monday, April 17th, 2012 (due to spring break) at the Community Center at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Fleming, second by Holewinski. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Pete Awrey
Secretary

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