



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
May 14th, 2018**

Called to order: Meeting was called to order by Dave Baragrey at 6:00 pm.

Members Present: Dave Baragrey, Bonny Miller, Judy Jarecki, Randy Stults, Justin Wing, Scott Courterier, Doug Johnson, Bill Holewinski and Abe Cruz.

Members absent: Kelli Parker

Others Present: Kyle Ryan, Roger Latuszek and Edie Block.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion by Abe Cruz, seconded by Doug Johnson for approval of the minutes as printed. Motion passed by voice vote.

Kelli Parker arrived at 6:04 pm.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller to accept the bills dated from 4/2/18 – 5/10/18 in the amount of \$34,022.87. Motion carried.

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

Director's Update:

- Kyle Ryan said the new truck arrived.
- Kyle Ryan said the closing process took place on the two parcels and now belongs to Otsego County.
- Kyle Ryan said excavating of the new beach area is taking place and new sand is being added.
- Kyle Ryan said the Free Camping Weekend recently took place.
- Kyle Ryan informed the members of ice damage to the Boat Launch at the County Park and that the steps to the beach would be replace because of ice damage.
- Kyle Ryan said he is conducting interviews for positions and the Groen Preserve.
- Kyle Ryan said one of the seasonal employees has started at the County Park and two more employees are starting at the end of the week.

Old Business: Abe Cruz said that Libke Field needs a backstop with an overhang to be installed behind home plate. Abe Cruz also asked for 6 foot tall fence to be installed along the first and third base line. Both items are for safety.



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New Business:

- A. **Approve Groen Electricity Budget Amendment:** A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Abe Cruz to approve the budget amendment. Motion carried. A motion was made by Abe Cruz to allocate \$3,000.00 towards Libke Fields for improvement of the softball/baseball backstop and 6 foot fencing along the first and third base line. The motion was seconded by Bill Holewinski. Motion carried.
- B. Abe Crew indicated that Erik Drews has contacted him about getting started on enhancements at the Dog Park, starting with over seeding the grass. Abe advised him to work with Kyle on the enhancement plan and getting material for his volunteer labor for the enhancements.

A motion was made by Randy Stults, seconded by Justin Wing, to call a recess to do the tour and to reconvene the meeting for adjournment. Motion passed and a recess was entered at 6:32 pm.

- C. **Groen Tour:** The members took a tour of the Groen Preserve.

Dave Baragrey reconvened the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Commissioner Comments:

- Randy Stults asked that a short term and long term plan for the Groen Preserve be developed and look at ideas from the Groen Advisory Committee.
- Bonny Miller wanted to have input from the Groen Advisory Committee before developing any plans.
- Dave Baragrey asked Kyle Ryan to schedule a special meeting with the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission and the Groen Advisory Committee.

The next meeting is Monday June 11th at the Otsego Lake County Park at 6:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned by Dave Baragrey at 7:54 pm.

Attachments as part of this meeting:

- Financial Reports for April for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- Bills from 4/2/18 – 5/10/18 in the amount of \$34,022.87.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary