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**PROPOSED MINUTES
OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 10TH 2016**

Called to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Abe Cruz, Bonny Miller, Judy Jarecki, Butch Fleming, Bill Holewiski, Dave Baragrey and Randy Stults.

Members Absent: Scott Courterier, Doug Johnson and Tom Johnson.

Others Present: John Burt, Kyle Ryan and Keri Swantek.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the September 12th meeting was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

Doug Johnson and Scott Courterier arrived at 6:04pm.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: A motion to approve the bills from September 5th – October 3rd in the amount of \$14,358.70 was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Butch Fleming. Motion carried.

Director's Update:

- Kyle Ryan stated that the part-time job position at the Community Center has been posted and he has received some applications.
- Kyle Ryan reported that both of the Halloween Weekends went really well.
- Kyle Ryan updated the members on the Building Healthy Communities Grant stated that \$35,500.00 was allotted and \$35,466.00 was spent on the following items: staff, printing, 12 benches, a person/pet drinking fountain, 4 wood slide trash cans, 2 informational signs, cedar split rail fence around the DNR property near the dog park, 6 plastic garbage cans and lids, wind screen for the tennis courts, 200 yards of gravel, 2 baby changing stations, 47 trees and shrubs, 5 sets of pickle ball equipment, 12 basketballs and \$500.00 of miscellaneous recreational equipment
- Kyle Ryan reported that the repairs were made fixing the cracks in the tennis courts.
- Kyle Ryan stated that he spoke with an expert about the trees in front of the Community Center and the trees are most likely dying from being in a small area.
- John Burt reported that he and Kyle Ryan met with the Groen Trust Fund Board and the first draft of the conservation easement on the additional 25 acres has been received.

Old Business:

- A. Wah Wah Soo Fence:** John Burt asked the board to review that letter regarding the property before it was sent to the property owner. John Burt asked Kyle Ryan to let the property owner know that the letter was coming. Kyle Ryan suggested putting the fence just inside the well head. The board members did not make any changes to the letter.



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- B. Budget 2017:** Kyle Ryan presented copies of the recommended budgets for the Parks and the Groen Preserve. John Burt reported that the Groen Trust Fund approved the 2017 Groen budget.

New Business:

- A. Don Sklarzyk Lease Renewal:** A motion was made by Randy Stults to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners to accept the lease agreement. This motion was seconded by Butch Fleming. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments:

- Bonny Miller presented a donation from the flag football program in the amount of \$475.00.
- Doug Johnson asked about changing the date of the November meeting. The members discussed and the meeting was changed to November 7th 2016.
- Bill Holewinski said he spoke with Jason at the Road Commission and the road commission will work with the City when the trees need to be cut down at the Community Center and the city would be responsible for taking care of the wood.
- Dave Baragrey stated that Bear Basketball started this past weekend.
- Butch Fleming asked about the per diem and millage money he has been receiving and if the amounts are correct.

Next meeting is Monday November 7th 2016 at the County Building room 100 at 6:00pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Butch Fleming and seconded by Bonny Miller and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Attachments made as part of this meeting:

- Bills from September 5th – October 3rd 2016.
- 2017 recommended budgets for the parks and the Groen Preserve.
- Don Sklarzyk lease renewal.
- Letter regarding the property at Wah Wah Soo.

Keri Swantek
Recording Secretary