



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

**Minutes Regular Meeting  
Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission  
October 9th, 2017**

Called to order at 6:00pm.

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

**Members Absent:** Bill Holewinski.

**Others Present:** Kyle Ryan, Erik Drews, Rachel Frisch, Dave Schopp, Josh Cline

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion by Abe Cruz to approved the minutes as presented with second by Bonny Miller. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Public Comment:** Erik Brews and Dave Schopp discussed suggestions for improvements to the Dog Park. It was indicated the Dog Park had great potential because of its large size. It is the nicest dog park in northern Michigan. Ideas for enhancements included:

- Divide the large dog area into two sections
- Add a shaded patio area for sitting and a gathering area
- Remove the underbrush on the south section around the large trees
- Relocate the dog watering station inside the large dog area
- Add location identification markers to the posts of the dog park to aid in locating where a dog poops to help locate it for clean up.
- Correct the area that collect rain water to eliminate water puddles
- Add an agility section

Erik offered to help with the projects from design to construction.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Doug Johnson to approve the bills from September 7<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 in the amount of \$9,932.79. Motion carried.

**Financial Reports:** The members discussed the reports from September.

**Director's Update:**

- Kyle Ryan discussed the two recent break-ins at the County Park in the garage and ranger station. Kyle Ryan suggested installing a surveillance system next year.
- Kyle Ryan reported that both Halloween Weekends were full.

**Old Business:**

Dave Baragrey-President, Scott Courterier-Vice President, Randy Stults-Secretary, Doug Johnson-Otsego Co. Board of Commissioners, Bill Holewinski-Otsego Co. Road Commission, Judith Jarecki-Otsego County Planning Commission, Abel Cruz, Bonny Miller, Justin Wing, Kelli Parker  
Kyle Ryan-Director, Arnie Quay-Coordinator, Keri Swantek-Recording Secretary



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- A. Campground/Outdoor Park Punishment Policies:** Kyle Ryan presented a rule to add to the end of the campground rules referring to possible punishments. “Failure to comply with the posted rules of the campground could result in contact with Law enforcement, as well as removal from the campground without refund”. Randy Stults asked that “contact with be changed to contact of”. A motion to approve the policy with the correction was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Scott Courterier. Motion carried.
- B. Pontresina Park Rules:** Kyle Ryan showed the members a picture of the rules posted at the Pontresina Park and stated that the other parks have rules posted at the locations.
- C. Midweek Camping Discount:** Kyle Ryan stated that he reviewed the occupancy during mid-weeks and said he did not feel that a discounted program would be beneficial. The board members discussed other options. Kyle will looking into mid-week group camping discounts.

#### **New Business**

- A. Truck Bids:** Kyle Ryan said that 5 bids were received and Feeny Chrysler Dodge was the low bidder with the local vendor consideration. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Scott Courterier to accept the bid from Feeny for the truck in the amount of \$33,521.00. Motion carried.
- B. Lot Bordering Campground:** Kyle Ryan stated that the lot directly west of the campground on County Park Road is for sale and the owner is interested in selling it to the County. Kyle Ryan said that we would need to do a phase 1 environmental assessment. Kyle Ryan said he received a bid from Sagasser & Associates, Inc. for \$1,300.00 - \$1,500.00. Kyle Ryan stated that an appraisal would need to be done. Kyle Ryan said he will move forward with the environmental assessment and the appraisal.

Rachel Frisch updated the board on the Groen Trust Fund Board meeting that took place on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Fine tuning of the Conservation Easement by the lawyers continue.

#### **Commissioner Comments:**

- Abe Cruz said he would like the sub-committee to be discontinued and discuss the issues at the regular parks commission meeting.
- Dave Baragrey dissolved the sub-committee and directed Kyle to include Pontresina Park enhancements on the agenda for our November meeting.

The next meeting is Monday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the County Building Room 100 at 6:00pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Scott Courterier. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

#### **Attachments as part of this meeting:**

Dave Baragrey-President, Scott Courterier-Vice President, Randy Stults-Secretary, Doug Johnson-Otsego Co. Board of Commissioners, Bill Holewinski-Otsego Co. Road Commission, Judith Jarecki-Otsego County Planning Commission, Abel Cruz, Bonny Miller, Justin Wing, Kelli Parker  
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- Financial reports for the Groen Preserve, the Community Center and the Parks for September.
- Bills from September 7<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 in the amount of \$9,932.79
- Addition to Campground rules
- Summary of Truck Bids

Keri Swantek  
Recording Secretary

Randy Stults  
Secretary