



**Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Otsego Lake County Park Irontone Springs Wah Wah Soo Libke Fields Community Center**  
These are the proposed minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on February 11th, 2013.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

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

**Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Mike Tarbutton, John Burt, Justin Wing.

Motion to approve minutes from December meeting by Stults, second by Cruz with correction to section on New Business. Should have read that Mike gave us the County Policy, not Public Act. Motion approved.

**Bills:** Approved to go to finance committee for payment

**Public Comments:** Justin Wing was present to voice his concerns of the Community Center's policy of not allowing kids at the center when it's adult time. Mr. Wing brings his kids to the Center while he is playing basketball. He was told that this was against our policy. Discussion ensued and in this case we felt it was fine for Mr. Wing to bring his kids with him. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Holewinski to allow the kids at the center during adult time with their parents. In the future, Mike will handle this kind of situation individually; if there are no problems with the kids it will be allowed.

John Burt was present to give us an update on the Groen Preserve. Went over upcoming ideas at the preserve and answered any questions we had. It was brought up that we should have a plan in place on paper as we go forward to show where headed, especially with Mike's retirement coming. This will help the new director as he/she goes forward. John and Mike will work on this.

Mike informed us of requests by COP, Gaylord Schools, Boy Scouts and Northwest Michigan Health Department on waiving fees for the Community Center use and/or passes for the County Park. Motion by T. Johnson, second by Awrey to waive the fee for the Boy Scouts for the Pinewood Derby. So Moved. Motion by Stults, second by T. Johnson to waive the Student Reward's Day for Gaylord Schools. So Moved. Motion by T. Johnson, second by D. Johnson to waive the fee for COP to have their class at the Community Center. So Moved. The final request was for 25 passes for Northwest Michigan Health Department for the County Park. Motion by Cruz, second by D. Johnson to allow Mike to do this when they come to us with their request. So Moved.

**Old Business:** The grant application for the T.V.'s and games has been submitted to Wal-Mart. The Great Start Collation Committee has their support letter ready for the improvements at the Community Center for the physically disabled. Arnie Quay has contacted Tim Cherwinski, Work Camp Supervisor, about park clean up in the spring as weather permits.

**Community Center:** Mike would like to sell the old equipment (foosball and pool tables) as the new equipment gets here. Motion by Stults, second by T. Johnson to do so. So Moved. Mike has contacted Otsego County Maintenance about snowplowing at the Center in 2014. We went over rules at the Community Center and Mike provided us with a bid on smoke/fire alarms from Maximum Security. Mike will get some more estimates. Mike showed us the brochures Keri Swantek made for the Community Center. Saved us around \$300.00.



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**Irontone Springs:** Large branches down.

**Wah Wah Soo:** Will work on a schedule for manned hours starting in June through Labor Day.

**Libke Fields:** Some work still needs to be done on fence project.

**New Business:** We need to fill Chad Dutcher's vacant position. We will address at upcoming meetings as replacement possibilities arise.

**Commissioner Comment:** None.

Next meeting: Monday, March 11th, 2013 at the Community Center at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by D. Johnson, second by Cruz. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Pete Awrey  
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