



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

MINUTES
OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 9TH 2017

Called to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Bonny Miller, Randy Stults, Butch Fleming, Dave Baragrey, Abe Cruz, Scott Courterier, Doug Johnson and Judy Jarecki.

Members Absent: Bill Holewinski.

Others Present: Kyle Ryan, Keri Swantek and Dennis Keck.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the December 12th, 2016 meeting was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion to approve the bills from December 5th – January 2nd 2017 in the amount of \$7,443.41 was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Doug Johnson. Motion carried.

Director's Update:

- Kyle Ryan stated the Community Center is busy with various rentals and Bear Basketball started.
- Kyle Ryan reported that the ski trails are open and groomed at the Groen Preserve.
- Kyle Ryan reported that he was asked to speak about the Building Healthy Communities grant program at the Michigan Recreation Parks Association convention in February.
- Kyle Ryan reported that the Headwaters Land Conservancy is holding a snowshoe event on February 25th at the Groen Preserve.
- Kyle Ryan stated that new signs have been installed at the Pontresina Park/Community Dog Park.
- Kyle Ryan reported that 4H will be conducting Spring Break activities at the Groen Preserve.
- Kyle Ryan informed the board members that their per diem increased to \$50.00 per meeting.

Old Business:

- A. Wah Wah Soo Agreement:** Kyle Ryan reported that the Otsego County doesn't have the authority over the property as reported by the county attorney.
- B. New Cabins:** Kyle Ryan reported that he is still waiting on information from bids. Kyle Ryan said that based on current bids the approximate cost of new cabins is \$30,000.00 and approximately \$7,500.00 to move the current cabins and install concrete pads.

New Business:

- A. Potential Park Commission Candidates:** the board members discussed potential candidates and the process for selection of a candidate to recommend.



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Commissioner Comments:

Bonny Miller and Judy Jarecki wished the members a Happy New Year.

Butch Fleming said he will be stepping down from the parks board.

Randy Stults said he will not be at the meeting in February and asked the board to move forward on the cabins.

The next meeting is Monday February 13th 2017 at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building, Room 100.

A motion to adjourn was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Scott Courterier. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Attachments made as part of this meeting:

-Bills from December 5th – January 2nd 2017 in the amount of \$7,443.41.

Keri Swantek
Recording Secretary