



**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 & Recreation Commission held on Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm. Due to the late arrival of Dave Baragrey, the meeting was called to order by Scott Courterier.

**Members Present:** Tom Johnson, Pete Awrey, Judy Jarecki, Bonny Miiler, Scott Courterier, Butch Fleming, Abe Cruz, Doug Johnson, Bill Holewinski and Dave Baragrey.

**Others Present:** Gina Marchio, John Burt, Roger Latuszek, Edie Block from the Groen Trust Fund Board and Keri Swantek.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Butch Fleming. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Bonny Miller updated the board members on the restoration of the Echo Valley Lodge. B. Miller reported 17 trees around the lodge will need to be removed at a cost of \$12,500.00. A motion to recommend to the Louis M. Groen Trust Fund Board to allow for the removal of the trees was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried. John Burt updated the members on the situation involving Mike Tarbutton.

**Budget:** Gina Marchio provided the board members with copies of the budget reports including the parks budget showing activity with the fireworks. A motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Dave Baragrey. Motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion to approve the bills was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Dave Baragrey. Motion carried. The bills were approved to go to finance for payment.

#### **Director's Update:**

- A. Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve:** Marchio reported that the Smiles Through the Miles race had 150 participants. Marchio also updated the members on a recent special event designing fairy and gnome houses which had 16 participants.
- B. Community Center:** Marchio reported that the front steps have been removed and the fire alarm system is currently being installed.
- C. County Park:** Gina Marchio reported on business at the park over Big Ticket weekend and July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.
- D. Wah Wah Soo:** Nothing
- E. Irontone Springs:** Nothing
- F. Libke Fields:** Bonny Miller reported that the Alpine Chocolat Haus will be holding another fundraiser to benefit the youth football program.

#### **Old Business:**

- A. Broken Shower Room Door and Door Frame:** Marchio informed the board that the bid from Mister's T's in the amount of \$1,322.00 was accepted.
- B. Signs for Irontone Springs, Wah Wah Soo and County Park:** Marchio presented the board members with examples of signs for the parks. Marchio reported she received a bid from New



**Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Otsego Lake County Park Irontone Springs Wah Wah Soo Libke Fields Community Center** Century Signs and is waiting for a complete bid from Signs By Design. Dave Baragrey spoke in opposition of the signs due to the cost. The members asked G. Marchio to look for additional prices for the signs.

**New Business:**

- A. Modification of Community Center Monitor Job Description:** Gina Marchio updated the members on the accident that took place during gymnastics class during the school year. Marchio recommended removing from section 7 the set up and take down of gymnastics equipment. A motion to recommend this modification to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.
- B. Removal of Playground Equipment at the Community Center:** Gina Marchio reported that the playground equipment outside the Community Center has been removed.
- C. After School Program: Employees, Fee Structure, Policies, Handbook, Ages of Participants:** Gina Marchio presented the new policies for the after school program as well as recommendations for the board members. A motion was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Dave Baragrey to approve the recommendations as presented in addition to providing media coverage for the new program. Motion carried.
- D. Other Business not on Agenda:** Roger Latuszek reported that Gingell Road was going to be closed due to road construction and was concerned about visitors accessing the preserve. John Burt and Gina Marchio offered to put information about an alternate route on the Website as well as on Facebook.

**Commissioner Comments:** Butch Fleming suggested having horse or tractor rides at the Groen property in the fall. Bill Holewinski offered appreciation to Gina Marchio for donating campsites for road commission employees to use. Bonny Miller, Scott Courterier, Dave Baragrey and Doug Johnson offered gratitude to Gina Marchio for her work with the licensing of the Community Center for the after school program.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 10, 2015 at 6:00pm at Irontone Springs.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Johnson and seconded by Doug Johnson. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Keri Swantek