



**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 September 9th, 2013.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

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

**Members Absent:** Tom Johnson and Abe Cruz.

**Others Present:** Mike Tarbutton.

Consent agenda approval of minutes with corrections under Others Present it should have read Laura Hansmann not Lori Hansmann and Dave Lenardson not Dave \_\_\_\_\_. Under Public Comment is should have read Dave Lenardson not Dave \_\_\_\_\_. Motion by Doug Johnson, second by Awrey. Motion passed on voice consent of the members.

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

**Public Comment:** Mike commented on a letter of thanks from the seniors. He will bring to the next meeting.

**Irontone Springs:** Mike turned conversation over to Randy for a report on dead trees and replacement trees. Randy reported that Mike Mang gave an overview of the park and what should transpire either this fall or next spring. We have received a bid from A Cut Above for \$3,200 and Arnie is meeting with Jerry Goff on Wednesday at 9:00 am. Motion by Miller, second by Doug Johnson to allow Mike to take lowest bid up to \$3,200 to cut and remove all necessary trees this fall. Motion passed on voice consent of members.

**Budget:** Mike went over proposed 2014 budget. Mike will add \$5,000 in revenue for proposed cabin additions and \$10,000 in expenses to cover training of new director. Motion by Stults, second by Courterier to accept the proposed budget with the changes. Motion passed on voice consent of members. Motion by Stults, second by Fleming to have Mike move forward with getting prices on cabins and fish cleaning station at the County Park once the Otsego County Board of Commissioners approves the 2014 budget. Motion passed on voice consent of the members.

**Wah Wah Soo:** Mike reported that he has not received any word on the house and/or possible sale since the last meeting. No more problems with graffiti at the park. Mike was asked if we are presently utilizing all the beach area; Mike will look at possibly enlarging the beach and swimming areas.

**Libke Fields:** Mike reported that Quay was not happy that he was not informed of the parking lot project when work was being performed. Mike had Quay put a fence up ASAP to keep any vehicles off the fields. At a standstill presently on graveling the lot, but should look great when finished. Mike will draft a letter to the Baptist Church informing them of upcoming football scheduled events.

**Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve:** Mike updated us on upcoming events at the preserve. We also discussed putting a policy in place that will be beneficial to us as a board on decision making. Mike will draft a rough policy, we will have our input and then we will get it in place.

**County Park:** Mike reported that revenue is very close to 2012 levels, very pleased since the weather wasn't good at the beginning of the camping season. We discussed user fees. As a group we will look at present fees and see if they need to be raised at our next meeting. Mike filled us in on employees at the park as we near the closure of



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**Community Center:** Mike reported that the viewing area project should begin this week or next; 2 or 3 day project. We may have to close for a day or two, although Mike is hoping for a Friday – Sunday time frame. Mike will meet with Don from the Remote Control Plane Organization; he will keep us posted on the outcome. Mike believes that a 3 on 3 basketball tournament will fit well with the 2014 Alpenfest for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We have 10 courts right here at the Community Center between indoor and outdoor. Mike has our blessing. He will get it organized. Community Center will go on full schedule the first week of bear basketball.

**Old Business:** Mike reported that we received a check from Wal-mart for \$500 for the viewing area project. Have not received the \$1750 from the Community Foundation as of yet.

**New Business:** Mike has made it official he will retire on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He hopes that we can get someone hired so he can work with this individual and make the transition smoother.

Next meeting: Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Community Center at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Courterier, second by Miller. Motion passed on voice consent. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Pete Awrey  
Secretary