



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 March 11th, 2013.

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

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

Members Absent: Tom Johnson.

Others Present: Mike Tarbutton, Tim McPherson and members of Boy Scout Troop #14, Bonnie Miller, and Roger Latuszak.

Consent Agenda to approve minutes of previous meeting with corrections on requests from agency for passes and Community Center space. After motion and second instead of so moved it should have read so moved after voice consent of members. Under public comment, after motion on kids issue by T. Johnson, second by Holewinski, motion passed on voice consent of members. Motion to approve minutes by Stults, second by Fleming.

Bills: Approved to go to finance committee for payment

Public Comments: Tim McPherson, representing the Boy Scout Troop #14 was present to ask for the North Pavilion and day passes (approximately 25) for the Splash In 2013. They serve coffee, breakfast, and lunch during the Splash In and use the funds to help send scouts to camps, etc. After lengthy discussion there was a motion by Cruz, second by Courterier to waive the vehicle passes but charge the fees for the use of the pavilion. Motion passed on voice consent. Sterling McPherson addressed us on an area for disc golf. It was recommended that he check with the Rotary Club, as they would be a possibility.

Mike informed us that Ronnie Parker would not be holding the 14-18, 7 on 7 football clinic in Gaylord.

JHS fundraiser at the County Park during fireworks was brought up. JHS would like to pay for the music from 6pm to dusk in exchange for the opportunity to sell ice cream and glow sticks for their fundraiser. Motion by Cruz, second by Stults to allow JHS to swap entertainment for fundraising opportunity. Motion passed on voice consent.

Bonnie Miller was present and would like to be considered as a candidate to replace Chad Dutcher on the Parks and Recreation Commission. We also received an application from Wally Loney for the position. After discussion, a motion was made by Holewinski, second by Cruz to recommend Bonnie Miller to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion passed on voice consent.

Budget: Mike reported that he received a grant check in the amount of \$750.00 from Wal-Mart to help in the purchase of TV's and games at the Community Center. Mike provided us with options on TV's and games with prices. After discussion, we chose option 2: two game consoles, two 55" TV's and five games at a cost of \$2043.50, less the \$750 grant would leave \$1293.00 to be paid out of our recreation line item. Motion by Stults, second by D. Johnson. Motion passed on voice consent. Arnie Quay received quotes on a 7' x 12' trailer with a ramp. Low proposal was \$1,400 from Family Farm and Home. Motion by Stults, second by Fleming to purchase the trailer from Family Farm and Home. Motion passed on voice consent. Mike reported that Eagle 101.5 has requested use of the Community Center if weather is inclement for the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 16, 2013. Motion by Stults, second by Courterier to not waive the fee if they want to reserve the Center for that day. Motion passed on voice consent. They would need to reserve the time on this day as anyone else would to assure them having the space in case of inclement weather.

Dave Baragrey President, Scott Courterier Vice President, Pete Awrey Secretary, Doug Johnson Otsego Co. Board of Commission, Bill Holewinski Otsego Co. Road Commission, Randy Stults Otsego County Planning Commission, Butch Fleming, Abel Cruz, Tom Johnson, Mike Tarbutton Director, Arnie Quay Coordinator



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Otsego Lake County Park Irontone Springs Wah Wah Soo Libke Fields Community Center Groen Project: Groen board denied our request for 20 more manned hours (9,980) at the preserve. Groen Board requests that we stay closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and that the preserve be manned when open. As a board we acknowledge the Groen Board's wishes and we will abide by them.

Old Business: No word from Great Start Parent Group on grant request for handicap improvements. A contractor did come into the Community Center and ask what/where the viewing area was. He stated he would give the Group an estimated cost. Mike reported that he contacted Dave Duffield about alarm systems at the Community Center. After talking with the County Administrator Mike will have Dave instruct us on what type of alarm equipment we need and where to position. Mike will keep us posted on progress.

New Business: Mike handed out a rough draft for a student policy at the Community Center. An adult policy may be needed as well. We will take a look at the draft and discuss in upcoming meetings. Mike handed out a list of projects for 2013. At the Groen Nature Preserve, Mrs. Groen complimented John and Mike, along with our boards for the work that has been completed so far.

County Park: Mike went over seasonal employees for 2013. He reported that we have one full time seasonal position open and he will advertise soon. Arnie Quay contacted the County Work Crew about helping with spring clean up and it's all set. Other than the trailer purchase and park clean up there is no other plans for capital purchases. Due to water level, Mike is concerned that the boat channel is getting close to the shoreline. Mike will get with the DNR and see what can be done.

Irontone Springs: Mike reported that a resident asked to cut the branches and limbs for firewood. After checking with the County Administrator approval was given. No major plans for the park, some minor repairs are needed on the south bridge. Randy and Mike will get with Mike Mang to analyze the trees at the park, etc.

Wah Wah Soo: Mike will keep us updated on property north of the park as spring/summer approaches.

Libke Field: Quay will finish fence work. Concessions during youth football games were discussed. Bonnie Miller is hoping that the Boy Scouts could help run the concession during games. She also said if we need any money to finish the fencing, the Youth Football Association would help.

Community Center: Bear Basketball is over and Boy's Jr. High league has started.

Commissioner Comment: None.

Randy Stults brought up overtime concerns. He thought we needed to get this under control, possibly with a part time employee. Discussion ensued and we will look into with possible remedies.

Next meeting: Monday, April 8th, 2013 at the Community Center at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Fleming, second by Baragrey. Motion passed on voice consent. No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Pete Awrey
Secretary



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