



**Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Otsego Lake County Park Irontone Springs Wah Wah Soo Libke Fields Community Center**  
These are the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

**Members Present:** Scott Courterier, Bill Holewinski, Judy Jarecki, Abel Cruz, Bonny Miller, Dave Baragrey, Doug Johnson and Tom Johnson.

**Members Absent:** Pete Awrey

**Others Present:** Gina Marchio, Keri Swantek and Marie Sarchet

**Approval of previous minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 meeting was made by Butch Fleming and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Marie Sarchet from the Boys and Girls Club spoke about possibly starting a club in Gaylord and offering events at the Community Center.

**Budget:** Gina Marchio stated that the revenue from the county park has increased. Marchio also reported that the restitution money from Mike Tarbutton in the amount of \$60,000.00 was added to the park fund balance. An additional \$8,368.16 was added from fraud protection.

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

#### **Old Business**

- A. Electricity use at the County Park:** Marchio informed the members that the cost of electricity has not gone up at the park. Marchio also reported that the amount of campers using the park has not contributed a significant increase to the cost of electricity.
- B. Cabin Rental Summer 2015:** Gina Marchio reported that cabin rental at the County Park increased this year and there were several reservations for next year.
- C. Cost of Gymnastics Bars:** Marchio reported that the gymnastic bars cost \$2,039.00 and that John Burt donated them to Boyne Area Gymnastics and Dance.

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

- A. Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve:** Gina Marchio reported that Jacob Adam had resigned. Marchio also reported she will be able to use the hilltop house to hold classes or presentations.
- B. Community Center:** Marchio reported that the renovations are nearly complete.
- C. County Park:** Gina Marchio reported that the camping season was really good.
- D. Wah Wah Soo:** The buoys have been removed and the beach area is closed.
- E. Irontone Springs:** Gina Marchio reported the pavilion had been rented recently.



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**F. Libke Fields:** Marchio reported that the football season is in full swing. Bonny Miller reported that 100 kids took part in the program and donated \$500.00 to the parks department. Bonny Miller expressed concern over dogs at Libke Fields during the football season. The members discussed banning dogs from the fields and wanted to discuss the issue with John Burt before moving forward.

**New Business:**

- A. Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Visioning Committee Meeting:** Gina Marchio informed the members that the Visioning Committee Meeting recently took place.
- B. Belly Dancing Classes at the Community Center:** Gina Marchio reported that she received a request from Pene Murdoch to hold 6 weeks of belly dancing classes at the community center. A motion to approve the request was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Comments:** Bonny Miller mentioned the upcoming fundraiser at the Alpine Chocolat Haus to benefit the youth football program.

Scott Courterier spoke in favor of the Boys and Girls Club.

Judy Jarecki reported that geocaching takes place at Headwaters and the Pigeon River and it is very popular.

**Next Meeting** is Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Community Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Butch Fleming and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

Keri Swantek  
Recording Secretary