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These are the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks & Recreation Commission held on Monday November 9th, 2015.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

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

Members Absent: Tom Johnson

Others Present: John Burt, Roger Latuszek, Arnie Quay, Keri Swantek, Amber Mapes and Jeff Reinhelt.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the October 12th, 2015 meeting was made by Butch Fleming and seconded by Scott Courterier. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Amber Mapes spoke to the members about holding a super hero gatherings event for families at the Community Center and request free use of the facility. A motion was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Bill Holewinski to waive the fee for the first two months of the session. Motion carried. Jeff Reinhelt spoke about holding a new mom's baby group in the family room at the Community Center once a month for no charge. A motion to approve the request was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Bill Holewinski. Motion carried.

Budget: John Burt discussed possible additions to the Groen preserve budget and presented a list of purchases/expenditures included in the 2016 budget for the parks and the groen preserve.

Bills: Approved to go to finance for payment.

Director's Update:

- A. Dave Baragrey informed that board members that Gina Marchio recently resigned. John Burt reported that hiring process for a new director is underway.
- B. **Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve:** John Burt reported that interviews for the new trail ranger are taking place this week. John Burt presented a list of proposed hours for the property which he presented to Ed Cummings and Edie Block.
- C. **Community Center:** John Burt presented the board with a bid from Chuck's Electric to repair the damaged lights over the gym floor at a cost of \$1,600.00. A motion to accept this bid was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Doug Johnson. Motion carried.
- D. **County Park:** Arnie Quay reported that park is closed for the season.
- E. **Wah Wah Soo:** Closed
- F. **Irontone Springs:** Closed
- G. **Libke Fields:** Closed

New Business:

- A. **Tennis Courts at the Community Center:** John Burt reported that he received a request from John Jenkins about refinishing the tennis courts at Aspen Park and asked if the parks board would be interested in improving the courts at the Community Center at the same time in an effort to save



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money by putting the bids out together. John Burt said he will look into see if grant monies are available.

- B. Review and Approve the 2016 Budget:** John Burt presented some proposed changes to the groen budget. A motion to approve the 2016 budget was made by Butch Fleming and seconded by Abe Cruz. Motion carried.
- C. Rent "Rooms" at the Community Center:** John Burt discussed the possibility of charging for the rental of individual rooms at the Community Center. The board agreed to offer the rooms for no charge.
- D. Mission Statement for Otsego County Parks and Recreation:** John Burt presented some suggestions for a mission statement but suggesting holding off on this until a new director is in place. This issue was tabled.

Commissioner Comments:

- Dave Baragrey reported that the terms for himself, Pete Awrey and Abe Cruz are due to expire.
- Scott Courterier requested that the parks meetings be moved to the County Courthouse.
- Bonny Miller, Butch Fleming, Judy Jarecki and Scott Courterier expressed appreciation to Gina Marchio for her work as director.

Next Meeting is Monday December 14th 2015 at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building, room 100.

A motion to adjourn was made by Butch Fleming and seconded by Abe Cruz. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Keri Swantek
Recording Secretary