



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve
Irontone Springs
Libke Field
Pontresina Park

Otsego Lake County Park
Wah Wah Soo
Community Center

**Minutes Regular Meeting
Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission
December 10th 2018**

Called to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Bill Holewinski, Kelli Parker, Randy Stults, Bonny Miller, Doug Johnson, Judy Jarecki, Justin Wing, Dave Baragrey and Scott Courterier.

Members Absent: Abe Cruz.

Others Present: Kyle Ryan, Roger Latuszek and Eric Clink.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes as presented from the meeting held on November 8th 2018 made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bill Holewinski. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Eric Clink requested a discount for the Boy Scouts Lock-in to be held on January 12th 2019. This request came about because the Boy Scouts took over the luncheons being held at the Halloween Weekends. Eric Clink explained they did not make as much money as hoped. A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Bonny Miller to charge the Boy Scouts \$150.00 for the Lock-in as opposed to the regular fee of \$275.00 Motion carried.

Bills: A motion to approve the payment of the bills from 11/5/18 – 12/4/18 in the amount of \$69,374.49 was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Kelli Parker. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: The members discussed the financial reports from November for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.

Director's Update:

- Kyle Ryan said he was approached by a person who would like to set up a donation in his father's name to the Community Center.
- Kyle Ryan said the Ranger Station move is 95% percent complete. The gas and the electric will be hooked up in the Spring.
- Kyle Ryan said he had a conference call with the Groen Foundation members. He reported the Hilltop House cannot have log siding and the roof has to still have shingles.
- Kyle Ryan said there were some changes made with some of the specifications on the driveway project. Earthworks presented a new bid in the amount of \$319,000.00. Kyle said he submitted this information to the Groen Foundation members.
- Kyle Ryan said John Leonard started working at the Groen Preserve as a trail ranger.

Old Business:

- A. Attendance:** This issue was tabled until the January meeting.



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New Business:

- A. Groen Master Plan:** Kyle Ryan asked the members if they want him to do the master plan or hire the plan out like they did with the master recreation plan. Randy Stults said they should hire out the Groen Master Plan. Kyle Ryan said he will discuss this with Chris Churches. Dave Baragrey asked Kyle to reach out to the Visionary Committee to get their input on the Master Plan.
- B. Parks Usage Report:** Kyle Ryan highlighted during the 2018 season there were camping days 6,220 days, cabin days 331 days, 330 hours of rentals at the Community Center, 1357 day passes paid at the Community Center.
- C. Irontone Springs Trail/ Grant Opportunity:** Kyle Ryan said a \$15,000.00 grant is available through the Building Healthy Communities Grant. Kyle Ryan said a trail could be constructed. A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Justin Wing to apply for the grant. Motion carried.
- D. Commissioner re-appointments:** Kyle Ryan said Dave Baragrey, Randy Stults and Abe Cruz all applied to be re-appointed to the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission. A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bill Holewinski to approve the re-appointment of Dave Baragrey, Randy Stults and Abe Cruz. Motion carried.
- E. 2019 Meeting Schedule:** Kyle Ryan said the meeting in November 2019 takes place on Veterans Day. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Scott Courterier to adopt the 2019 meeting schedule with the change that the meeting held in November will take place on November 13th 2019. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments:

Kelli Parker asked about the person who was interested in making a donation to the Community Center. Judy Jarecki said they have started on the trail town gateway community project. Bonny Miller presented a donation from the Gaylord Youth Football Program.

The next meeting is Monday January 14th at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building, Room 100.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Doug Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

Attachments as part of this meeting:

- Financial reports from November for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- Bills from 11/5/18 – 12/4/18 in the amount of \$69,374.49.
- 2019 meeting schedule

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary