



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
January 14th 2019**

Called to order at 6:02pm.

Members Present: Bonny Miller, Randy Stults, Dave Baragrey, Abe Cruz, Justin Wing, Doug Johnson and Bill Holewinski.

Members Absent: Scott Courterier, Kelli Parker and Judy Jarecki.

Others Present: Kyle Ryan, Roger Latuszek, Keri Swantek, James Lake and Sean Lake.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes as presented from the meeting held on December 10th 2018 made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Abe Cruz Motion carried.

Public Comment: Sean Lake from Boy Scout Troop 1 asked if he could build some benches along the trails at the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve towards earning his Eagle Scout rank. Sean Lake presented two different designs, the half log bench and the Leopold bench. Sean Lake said he would like to make six benches. The members were in favor of the half log bench. Sean Lake also asked about making a display in the parking lot at the entrance listing the Leave No Trace principals applicable to the nature preserve. A motion was made by Bonny Miler and seconded by Doug Johnson to allow Sean Lake to do this project at the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve and help Sean out financially as much as possible as it fits in the terms of the easement following Kyle Ryan's spending authority. Roger Latuszek said we may be able to provide some logs from the Groen Preserve for this project.

Judy Jarecki arrived at 6:07pm.

Bills: A motion was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Bonny Miller to approve the bills dated from December 5th 2018 – January 10th 2019 in the amount of \$9,625.09. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: The members discussed the Financial Reports from December 2018 for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.

Director's Update:

- Kyle Ryan said he applied for a grant to have a trail put in at Irontone Springs.
- Kyle Ryan said he spoke with Consumers Energy and the electrical upgrade project at the park is moving along.
- Kyle Ryan suggested raising prices on approximately 30 sites that will be upgraded to 50 amp service. Randy Stults asked if these 30 sites as well as the lake sites should become premium sites. Kyle Ryan said the deluxe cabins will also be upgraded to 50 amp service. Doug Johnson asked Kyle to bring a map with the suggested sites and suggestions for prices. Randy Stults asked to have a plan listed the 30 sites in phase 1, the additional 30 sites in phase 2 and the remaining sites in phase 3.



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- Kyle Ryan said the Groen Foundation approved spending \$375,000.00 on the entrance project.
- Kyle Ryan said he does have bids for converting the Hilltop House into a Ranger Station/Administrative Office at the Groen Preserve.

Old Business

- Attendance:** Dave Baragrey presented an attendance chart compiled by Randy Stults from the meetings held in 2018.
- Groen Master Plan:** Kyle Ryan said there was not a lot of progress made with the master plan. Kyle Ryan said the projects for the Groen Preserve will be added to the Capital Outlay Plan.
- Repair and Replacement Plan Review:** Kyle Ryan presented an updated copy of the 10 year Capital Outlay Plan. Randy Stults asked that the installation of a fence at Wah Wah Soo be added to the plan for 2019.
- Approve Groen Entrance bid:** A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Abe Cruz to award the bid to Earthworks with a budget maximum of \$375,000.00. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Officer Election:** A motion was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Justin Wing to re-elect Dave Baragrey as President, Scott Courterier as Vice President and Randy Stults as Secretary pending the approval by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners for Randy Stults to be reappointed to the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission. No other nominations were presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments: Bonny Miller, Doug Johnson, Abe Cruz and Randy Stults said they will be gone when the next meeting is scheduled. The members discussed changing the date of the meeting to Monday February 18th 2019. This motion was made by Justin Wing and seconded by Abe Cruz. Motion carried.

Bill Holewinski said the road commission board now has 5 members on it.

The next meeting is Monday February 18th at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building, Room 100.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Justin Wing. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.



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Attachments as part of this meeting:

- Bills from December 5th 2018 – January 10th 2019 in the amount of \$9,625.09.
- Financial Reports from December 2018 from the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- 10 year Capital Outlay Plan.
- 2018 Attendance Chart

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary