



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
March 11th, 2019**

Called to order at 6:00pm.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Kyle Ryan, Amanda Dobrzelewski and Roger Latuszek.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes as presented from the meeting held on February 18th 2019 was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Scott Courterier. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Amanda Dobrzelewski discussed the Walk Michigan Program which is in coordination between the Otsego County Commission on Aging and Otsego County Parks and Recreation. Amanda Dobrzelewski asked for volunteers to help with the program.

Bills: A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller to approve the payment of the bills dated February 16th, 2019 – March 11th, 2019 in the amount of \$17,849.98. Motion carried.

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

Director's Update:

- Kyle Ryan said the seasonal ranger positions have been listed online for approximately 3 weeks and that he has received approximately 12 applications. Kyle Ryan said he will conduct interviews next week.
- Kyle Ryan said that a new Men's Volleyball League will be starting in the Spring in addition to the Woman's Volleyball League. Kyle Ryan said each league has 6 teams.
- Kyle Ryan said an indoor pickle ball league is being considered.
- Kyle Ryan said construction on the Ranger Station at Groen will start in mid-April. Kyle Ryan said the entrance project and the Ranger Station project will be completed by July 4th 2019.
- Kyle Ryan said the owners of the Gaylord Bowling Center contacted him about organizing a summer outdoor volleyball league using the outdoor courts near the Gaylord Bowling Center. Kyle Ryan said the owners of the Gaylord Bowling Center offered the use of the courts for no charge.
- Kyle Ryan advised that Hand Air Drier have been installed at the Community Center to replace paper towels.



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Old Business:

- A. Campground Price Changes:** Kyle Ryan said he spoke to Consumers Energy recently and the cost for their portion of this project is \$1,200.00. Kyle Ryan said that the sites that may be upgraded were rented 2,432 nights in 2018 and 737 of those nights were the lakes sites. Kyle Ryan suggested increasing the fee to the sites to be upgrade by \$3.00 - \$5.00 per night. Kyle Ryan suggested a \$5.00 price increase for the Dutcher and Burt cabins. A motion was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Bill Holewinski to upgrade the lake sites and the Dutcher and Burt cabins to 50 amp service and to upgrade approximately 20 – 25 additional sites to 50 amp service for the 2020 camping season. Motion carried.

A motion was by Doug Johnson and seconded by Abe Cruz to increase the fees to the 20 – 25 sites that are being upgraded to 50 amp service and the Dutcher and Burt cabins by \$5.00 per night and to increase the fee on the lakes sites by \$8.00 per night for the 2020 camping season. Non-residences pricing will continue to be \$1.00 additional. Motion carried.

- B. Groen Master Plan:** Kyle Ryan said that NEMCOG can do the Groen Master Plan as a stand-alone project in addition to the Parks and Recreation plan. Kyle Ryan said he hopes to have costs on this for the next meeting.

Kyle Ryan said he contacted the Groen Visioning Committee with potential meeting dates and agenda items. Kyle Ryan said a meeting may take place the week of May 6th.

New Business: None.

Commissioner Comments:

- Justin Wing asked if they were going to have NEMCOG compile the Groen Master Plan.
- Randy Stults asked Kyle Ryan to find out if the website is ADA compliant.
- Bill Holewinski said the workers at the Road Commission are very busy.
- Abe Cruz asked about the backstop and fencing at Libke Fields.
- Doug Johnson said some of his family went to the Groen Preserve this past weekend and they were very impressed.

The next meeting is Monday April 8th 2019 at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building room 100.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm by Dave Baragrey.

Attachments as part of this meeting:

- Financial Reports from February for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- Bills dated February 16th, 2019 – March 11th, 2019 in the amount of \$17,849.98.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary