



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

Otsego Lake County Park
Wah Wah Soo
Community Center

**Proposed Minutes Regular Meeting
Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission
August 12th, 2019**

Call to order at 6:00pm by President Baragrey at Irontone Springs.

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

Members Absent: Justin Wing.

Others Present: Kyle Ryan and Rachel Frisch.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, as revised was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Doug Johnson to approve the payment of the bills dated 7/9/19 – 8/5/19 in the amount of \$18,397.71.00. Motion carried.

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

Director's Update:

- Kyle Ryan discussed the trail project at Irontone Springs. Kyle said some fencing will be replaced. Kyle said some new benches and garbage cans were purchased.
- Kyle Ryan said the Work Camp was contacted to clear some of the brush along the trail.
- Kyle Ryan said some new road side signs and trail signs have been ordered.
- Kyle Ryan said the Groen Projects are mostly complete.
- Rachel Frisch said a ribbon cutting ceremony is being scheduled for the new entrance at the Groen Preserve.
- Kyle Ryan said the drinking water source has been installed at Wah Wah Soo.
- Kyle Ryan said some sand was ordered for Wah Wah Soo to put along the steps.

Old Business:

- A. Libke Fields:** Abe Cruz said he contacted Apple Fencing and he said they might be coming next week to provide an estimate for the fencing and the back stop.
- B. Capital Improvements Plan:** Kyle Ryan asked the members if they wanted to move up the re construction of the gym floor at the Community Center up to 2020 on the Capital Improvements Plan. Kyle Ryan said replacing some roofs at the County Park were the next item on the plan and asked the members if they wanted to move the gym floor ahead of the roofs. The members



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asked for additional flooring options and costs. The board members agreed to move the new roofs at the County Park to 2020 and move new playground at the County Park to 2021.

- C. **Fireworks Contract Bidding:** Kyle Ryan said he recently met with the Otsego Lake Association. Kyle said the lake association has 5 companies they want to send out requests to bid the fireworks display for 2020, 2021 and 2022. Kyle said that the amount is not to exceed \$20,000.00. Kyle said the lake association plans to send out those requests soon.
- D. **Groen Master Plan:** Kyle Ryan said the Groen Foundation has not responded about funding the master plan. Rachel Frisch said the Foundation board is confused about what a master plan is and that she and Kyle plan to discuss it with them in person at their meeting in October.

New Business:

- A. **Ranger Station Crawlspace:** Kyle Ryan said there is water in the crawl space. Kyle received 2 bids for sealing the basement. One bid from Ayers Basement Systems for \$5,587.00 and the second from Story Basement Technologies for \$15,895.00. Bonny Miller asked Kyle to contact Brett Miller for his recommendations.
- B. **Otsego Lake Park Playground Project:** Kyle Ryan said he spoke with NEMCOG about the Recreation Passport Grant. Kyle Ryan said the deadline is April 1st for construction for the following year. Kyle said the maximum grant amount is \$150,000.00 with a 25% match. Kyle Ryan said he discussed putting at 50,000.00 match. Randy Stults asked Kyle to look into adding a splash pad.

Commissioner Comments:

- Randy Stults asked if Kyle has plans for the health department grant for the 2020 season if the grant is awarded. Kyle said he plans to use the grant money for completing the fencing at Libke Fields. Randy Stults also asked if the hourly wage should be increased for seasonal employees in an effort to get quality employees.
- Bill Holewinski the August meeting for the Road Commission is August 22nd.
- Abe Cruz asked about the improvements to the pavilion at Irontone Springs. Kyle Ryan said it was on the Capital Improvements Plan for 2021.
- Bonny Miller said she will not be at the meeting in September.

The next meeting is Monday September 9th 2019 at 6:00pm at the Pontresina Park.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Scott Courterier. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.



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Attachments as part of these minutes:

- The bills dated 7/9/19 – 8/5/19 in the amount of \$18,397.71.00.
- The financial reports from July for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- Ranger Station at County Park crawl space estimates.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary