



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

Otsego Lake County Park  
Wah Wah Soo  
Community Center

**Minutes**  
**Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting**  
**July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Call to order at 6:00pm by vice president Scott Courterier [at the Otsego Lake County Park].

**Members Present:** Randy Stults, Scott Courterier, Bonny Miller, Judy Jarecki, Abe Cruz, Justin Wing and Doug Johnson.

**Members Absent:** Dave Baragrey and Bill Holewinski.

**Others Present:** Kyle Ryan and Keri Swantek.

**Previous Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from meeting held on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Abe Cruz. Motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion to approve the bills from 6/8/19 – 7/8/19 in the amount of \$23,431.80 was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

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

**Director's Update:**

- Kyle Ryan said the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend went well. Several day passes and season passes were sold.
- Kyle Ryan said he is planning to meet with the Otsego Lake Association to discuss the fireworks contract.
- Kyle Ryan said he hired a seasonal employee for the Groen Preserve.
- Kyle Ryan said they had to let a seasonal employee go from the Groen Preserve.
- Kyle Ryan said the ranger station at the Groen Preserve is completed in the amount of \$60,650.00.
- Kyle Ryan said the construction of the new entrance at the Groen Preserve is behind schedule due to the construction of the gate.
- Kyle Ryan said he spoke with the Hubbel's regarding the fence being installed at Wah Wah Soo.

**Old Business:**

**A: Capital Improvements Plan:** Kyle Ryan updated the members on the status improvements in the parks in the parks which included:

- shower doors replaced at the County Park for \$5,490.00.
- purchased picnic tables for the County Park for \$4,100.00.
- the drinking water stand will be installed at Wah Wah Soo soon.
- the trail preparation at Irontone Springs is underway.
- the ranger station at the Groen Preserve was completed two weeks ago for \$60,650.00.
- the entrance project at the Groen Preserve is underway.



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- Kyle Ryan inquired about a couple different basketball court surfaces and is still looking for prices per foot.
  - the bids for the electrical upgrade at the County Park were opened on July 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- Abe Cruz asked about completing the fencing and back stop at Libke Fields. The members asked Kyle Ryan to get prices for fencing and a back stop.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Park Electric Project Bids:** Kyle Ryan said 4 bids came in for the electrical upgrade at the County Park. The lowest bid came from Chuck's Electric in the amount of \$56,311.00. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Abe Cruz to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners to enter into the contract with Chuck's Electric in the amount of \$56,311.00 for enhancing 27 campsites and 2 large cabins at the County Park to 50 amp service. Scott Courterier asked about the notice in the contract stating upgrade to bigger panel for future add \$2,300.00. Kyle Ryan said a larger panel would be necessary for upgrading the 33 additional sites in the North Campground in approximately 3 -4 years. Randy Stults amended the motion to include the option for the larger panel and add an additional \$2,300.00 for a total of \$58,611.00. Abe Cruz approved the amendment of the motion. Justin Wing voted to accept the amendment that was proposed by Randy Stults and seconded by Abe Cruz. Motion carried. A motion by Randy Stults and seconded by Abe Cruz to recommend the bid for \$58,611.00 with the amendment. Motion carried.

#### **Commissioner Comments:**

- Abe Cruz said he heard lots of good compliments from the Fireworks.
- Justin Wing said he was contacted to engineer a playground for the City of Harrisville and said he learned about DNR Passport Grants for playground upgrades up to \$150,000.00.
- Bonny Miller spoke in favor of Abe Cruz getting bids for the fence and back stop installation at Libke Fields.
- Abe Cruz asked about a replacement for Kelli Parker.

The next meeting is Monday August 12<sup>th</sup> at Irontone Springs at 6:00pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Doug Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

#### **Attachments as part of this meeting [these minutes]:**

- Financial Reports from June 2019 for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- Bills from 6/8/19 – 7/8/19 in the amount of \$23,431.80.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary