



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
September 9th 2019

Call to order at 6:00pm at the Pontresina Park.

Members Present: Dave Baragrey, Randy Stults, Bill Holewinski, Judy Jarecki, Scott Courterier, Abe Cruz and Justin Wing.

Members Absent: Bonny Miller and Doug Johnson.

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

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Bill Holewinski to approve the minutes as presented from the August 12th 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Chelsey Defeyter asked if the area for large dogs at the dog park could be split in two. She was concerned because her dog is not very sociable yet and she doesn't not feel comfortable using the park when several dogs are present.

Sean Lake discussed completing his Eagle Scout Project at the Groen Preserve. He made six benches and built an information display case.

Doug Johnson arrived at 6:02pm.

Bills: A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Randy Stults dated 8/6/19 – 9/9/19 in the amount of \$28,247.58. Motion carried.

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

Director's Update:

- Kyle Ryan said he hired a part time year around trail ranger for the Groen Preserve that will be starting in October.
- Kyle Ryan said the Community Center opened on September 3rd and he is looking to hire a part time position for the Community Center.

Old Business:

- A. Ranger Station Crawl Space:** Kyle Ryan discussed the bid presented last month from Ayers Basement System in the amount of \$5,587.75 and said this bid includes a sump pump. Kyle Ryan said the bid also includes a membrane that goes on the walls and floor of the crawl space. The board members asked Kyle to get a sump pump and keep an eye on the crawl space.



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- B. Community Center Gym Floor:** Kyle Ryan said he received some information from Foster Specialty Floors. The prices for square foot are as follows: a floating wood floor \$11.50, an anchored wood floor \$12.50 and a synthetic floor system 10.75. Kyle said the approximate cost for installing a new floating floor is \$69,000.00. The approximate cost for installing a new anchored wood floor is \$75,000.00. The approximate cost for installing a new synthetic floor system is \$64,500.00. Kyle Ryan said the cost of demolishing the old gym floor is \$1.50 - \$3.00 per square foot depending on the condition of the wood and type of wood. Kyle Ryan said the additional cost of demolishing the old floor would be approximately \$9,000.00 - \$18,000.00. Kyle Ryan said several people he spoke to were in favor of a new wood floor. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Scott Courterier that the new gym floor is the next major project. Motion carried.
- C. Concessions/campground statistics:** Kyle Ryan presented a report to the board members of concessions and campground statistics 2018 vs 2019 thru Labor Day. The report included 2018 camping days was 5,352 and 2019 was 5,305. Day passes for 2018 was 2,281 and 2019 was 2,300. Season passes for 2018 was 1726 and 2019 was 1,734. Wood sales for 2018 were 460 bundles for \$2,760.00 and 2019 were 474 bundles for \$2,844.00. Ice sales for 2018 were 973 bags for \$1,946.00 and 2019 was 712 bags for \$1,424.00. Ice cream sales for 2018 were 1855 individual for \$2,783.00 and 2019 was 1378 individual for \$2,067.00. the sales generated for the dump station, showers and garbage for 2018 were 163.00 and 376.00 for 2019. The commissions received from kayak and paddle board rentals for 2018 was \$108.00 and for 2019 were \$555.00. The donation amounts for 2018 were \$426.00 and 2019 was 163.00. The total for concession comparison for 2018 was \$8,186.00 and 2019 was \$7,299.00.
- D. Groen Opening:** Kyle Ryan said he spoke with three members of the Groen Trust Fund Board and they want to wait for the new entrance to be opened after the bathroom and pavilion were built. Kyle said he asked them to back off on that. Kyle said they agreed that the new Groen entrance to open Memorial Day weekend 2020.

New Business:

- A. Additional Groen Employee:** Kyle Ryan discussed hiring a third year around part time position for the Groen Preserve. A motion was made by Randy Stults to recommend adding a third year around part time position. This motion was seconded by Scott Couterier. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments: None.

The next meeting is Monday October 14th at the Otsego County Building room 100.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.



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Attachments as part of these minutes:

- Bills dated 8/6/19 – 9/9/19 in the amount of \$28,247.58.
- Financial Reports from August for the Community Center, County Parks and the Groen Preserve.
- 2018/2019 Concessions/campground statistics report.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary