



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve  
Irontone Springs  
Libke Field  
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Otsego Lake County Park  
Wah Wah Soo  
Community Center

**Minutes**  
**Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Call to order at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building.

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

**Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Kyle Ryan, Don Sklarczyk, Ben Sklarczyk, Rachel Frisch and Roger Latuszek.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Scott Courterier. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Don Sklarczyk spoke regarding the history of the Groen Nature Preserve, The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student program at the Groen Nature Preserve, the development of the gift of the Groen Nature Preserve property, how crop growing started on the property in 1992, crops are needed on the property to support the wildlife population on the property and why the proper management of the farm land to continue successful crops and why renewing the lease for raising crop should continue.

**Bills:** A motion to approve the bills dated 9/10/19 – 10/12/19 in the amount of \$19,261.52 was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bill Holewinski. Motion carried.

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

**Director's Update:**

- Kyle Ryan said he received two bids for the fireworks.
- Kyle Ryan said the electrical upgrade project at the County Park is underway.
- Kyle Ryan said Abby Hamilton spoke to him about Guardian Gals donating money towards Irontone Springs for signs.
- Kyle Ryan said he hired Trevor Adams to work part-time at the Community Center and he will be starting soon.
- Kyle Ryan said the annual Groen meeting went well.

**Old Business:**

- A. The Groen Nature Preserve crop framing lease will be on the November Commission agenda with a draft lease or current lease provided to Commission members for review before the meeting.
- B. **Ranger Station Crawl Space:** Kyle Ryan and the board members discussed the ranger station crawl space at the County Park. A motion was made by Justin Wing to contract with Ayers



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Basement Systems in the amount \$5,587.75 to install a crawl space water proofing and sump pump system for the ranger station at the County Park. This motion was seconded by Scott Couterier. Motion carried.

- C. **Community Center Gym Floor:** Kyle Ryan shared the longevity and maintenance research for a wood floor and a synthetic floor he was asked to provide the Commission at the last meeting. A maple wood floor could be expected to last 40 to 60 years with normal cleaning along with sanding and refinishing around every 7 to 10 years. A synthetic floor has a life in the 10 to 30 year range with a resurfacing every 5 to 10 years. Kyle Ryan said an anchored wood floor is recommended for areas with high variations in humidity. Kyle Ryan said the cost for a 6,000 square foot court for a synthetic court is \$82,500.00. The cost of a floating wood floor is \$87,000.00 and the cost for an anchored wood floor is \$93,000.00. The board members were in favor of an anchored wood floor.

**New Business:**

- A. **After School Program:** Kyle Ryan said this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Rachel Frisch said the Bagley Township voted to have an easement granted to Otsego County for the Wah Wah Soo property that they hold the deed for.

**Commissioner Comments:**

- Bonny Miller said the flag football program has ended for the season and the season went well.
- Judy Jarecki said the trail town park in Vanderbilt is open.
- Randy Stults asked about the boat hoist which belongs to the property owners near Wah Wah Soo being on the Wah Wah Soo property.
- Justin Wing asked about the status of the master plan for the Groen Property.
- Bill Holewinski said Irontone Springs looks really nice.
- Abe Cruz said he is still waiting to meet with Apple Fencing for Libke Fields.
- Dave Baragrey talked about a Halloween costume exchange that took place in Charlevoix County. Dave Baragrey spoke of having a community center in Vanderbilt.

The next meeting is Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building, room 100.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

**Attachments as part of these minutes:**

- Financial reports from September
- Bills dated 9/10/19 – 10/12/19 in the amount of \$19,261.52

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary  
Randy Stults, Secretary