



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 December 9th 2019

Call to order at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building by President Dave Baragrey.

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

Members Absent: Judy Jarecki.

Others Present: Kyle Ryan, Roger Latuszek, Keri Swantek.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the November 13th 2019 meeting was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Abe Cruz to approve the payment of the bills dated 11/13/19 – 12/6/19 \$19,456.42. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Justin Wing and seconded by Bill Holewinski to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners a budget amendment in the amount of \$10,572.00 from fund balance to property improvements to pay Chuck's Electric for the electrical upgrade project at the County Park. Motion carried.

Director's Update:

- Kyle Ryan updated the members on the Capital Outlay Plan. Some purchases in 2019 included \$1,000.00 of split rail fencing for the campground, shower doors for \$5,490.00, electrical system upgrade for \$58,114.00, \$4,100.00 for new picnic tables, \$1,000.00 for ground leveling. At the Community Center \$1,000.00 was spent on recreational equipment including new basketballs and volleyballs. The hiking path at Irontone Springs costs \$16,458.52. A drinking water source for \$800.00 and split rail fencing for \$400.00 were installed at Wah Wah Soo.
- The Groen Preserve Capital Outlay included the ranger station renovations for \$60,650.00 and the construction of the new entrance for \$337,706.90.00.

Old Business:

- A. **Gym Floor:** Kyle Ryan said he wants to put the bid out for the new floor soon. The members were in favor of Kyle Ryan and Chris Churches working on the bid and having it ready to present at the meeting in January.



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- B. Fireworks Contract:** Kyle Ryan said he spoke with Nick Florian from the Otsego Lake Association about writing an agreement to fund the fireworks for the length of the new three year contract.

New Business:

- A. Groen Capital Projects:** Kyle Ryan said the Groen Foundation wants to have a restroom with a pavilion built near the new entrance as well as making the museum ADA accessible. The Groen Foundation also wants lean to structures over the equipment that is on Antique Alley. Kyle Ryan said C2AE compiled an engineering proposal showing a 3D example of the restroom with attached pavilion. The cost of this proposal is \$10,720.00. A motion was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Bill Holewinski to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners to accept the proposal from C2AE. Motion carried. Justin Wing abstained from this vote. Kyle Ryan said he spoke with NEMCOG about designing a forest stewardship plan.

The Commission discussed the managements of the Groen Nature Preserve. It is desired for the Commission to lead the developments and use of the property. Kyle was asked to have a draft plan for 2020 projects for our January meeting. It was agreed that a project plan for 2021 should be completed early in 2020.

- B. Parks and Recreation Board Documents:** The following documents were provided to Commission member: Parks and Recreation Establishment Resolution, County and Regional Parks Act 261 of 1965, Conservation Easement for the Groen Nature Preserve, Agreement for Support of Property to be designated as the Louis M. Groen Nature Center, Museum and Nature Preserve, First Amendment to Agreement for Support of Property to be Designated at the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve, Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws, Randy Stults said according the resolution for the parks and recreation board the board is full with 9 members and currently does not have an opening. Randy Stults also indicated to Doug Johnson a change in the resolution from planning commission to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- C. 2020 Meeting Schedule:** A motion to adopt the 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting schedule was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Scott Courterier. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments: None.

The next meeting is Monday January 13th 2020 at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building, room 100.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Justin Wing. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary
Randy Stults, Secretary



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Attachments as part of these minutes:

- Financial reports from November for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- Bills dated 11/13/19 – 12/6/19 \$19,456.42.
- 2020 meeting schedule.
- Parks and Recreation Establishment Resolution.
- County and Regional Parks Act 261 of 1965.
- Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Conservation Easement.
- Agreement for Support of Property to be designated as the Louis M. Groen Nature Center, Museum and Nature Preserve.
- Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws.