



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 January 13th 2020

Call to order at 6:00pm by vice president Scott Couterier at the Otsego County Building.

Members Present: Scott Courterier, Abe Cruz, Randy Stults and Bill Holewinski.

Members Absent: Dave Baragrey, Justin Wing, Judy Jarecki and Doug Johnson.

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

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Bill Holewinski to approve the minutes as presented from the December 9th 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Justin Wing and Judy Jarecki arrived at 6:01pm.

Doug Johnson arrived at 6:02pm.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Bill Holewinski to approve the payment of the bills dated December 10th 2019 – January 13th 2020 in the amount of \$71,816.13. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: The members discussed the financial reports from December 2019 for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.

Rachel Frisch, County Administrator arrived at 6:30pm.

Director's Update:

- Kyle Ryan said he has two interviews for the full-time position at the Groen Preserve
- Kyle Ryan said he has a couple of applications for the part-time position at the Groen Preserve.
- Kyle Ryan reported that Ed Cummings, the chairman of the Groen Foundation passed away in December.
- Kyle Ryan said he received two bids for a new John Deere gator at the campground. This issue was moved to new business per the request of Randy Stults.



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Old Business:

- A. **Community Center Gym Floor:** Kyle Ryan said he as Chris Churches will be ready to put out for bid the gym floor of #1 maple, including removal of the current floor, installation, and painting of the replacement floor project by the end of January. Results should be on our March meeting agenda.
- B. **Fireworks/OLA Contract:** Kyle Ryan provided a draft of the fireworks display reimbursement agreement between Otsego County Parks and Recreation and the Otsego Lake Association. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Justin Wing that the draft of the contract be referred to legal counsel for review as to format and legal requirements then forwarded to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners for final approval. Motion carried.
- C. **Groen Capital Projects:** Kyle Ryan provided a list of projects from 2018 – 2021 including a new restroom and pavilion, food plots and trail signage.

New Business:

- A. **Parks Commission re-appointment:** Kyle Ryan said the Justin Wing's term expired and that he re applied for the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Abe Cruz to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners to approve a three year term from 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2022. Motion carried.
- B. **Officer Election:** Abe Cruz made a motion to nominate Randy Stults as secretary for a one year term. Bill Holewinski closed the nomination and a unanimous ballot cast for Randy Stults as secretary. All the members were in favor.
 - A motion was made by Abe Cruz to nominate Scott Couterier to vice president for a one year term. Doug Johnson closed the nomination and a unanimous ballot cast for Scott Couterier as vice president. All the members were in favor.
 - A motion was made by Abe Cruz to nominate Dave Baragrey to president for a one year term. Bonny Miller closed the nomination and a unanimous ballot cast for Dave Baragrey as president. All the members were in favor.
- C. **Purchase of a 2020 Gator TX:** Kyle Ryan presented two bids for a 2020 John Deere Gator TX. Kyle Ryan said both bids were in the amount of \$7,915.44. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Bill Holewinski to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners to accept the bid from Lappans for the John Deere gator with Lappans being local the deciding factor. Motion carried.
- D. **Rachel Frisch-Pontresina Park:** Rachel Frisch discussed the proposed location of the new justice complex is the Pontresina Park/Community Dog Park. Rachel Frisch said the Pontresina Park would be moved closer to Otsego Ave. Scott Couterier said he was in favor of the Pontresina Park being moved.



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Commissioner Comments:

Bonny Miller, Abe Cruz and Randy Stults said they would not be at the meeting in February.

The next meeting is Monday February 10th at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building, room 100.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm by vice president Scott Couterier.

Attachments as part of these minutes:

- Bills from December 10th 2019 – January 13th 2020 in the amount of \$71,816.13.
- Financial reports from December 2019 for the County Parks, Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- Groen Capital Projects.
- 2 bids for a John Deere Gator from Lappans and Bader and Sons.
- Draft of the Fireworks reimbursement agreement.
- Map with preliminary locations of the Otsego County Public Safety Complex and the new location of the Pontresina Park.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary