



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 May 11th 2020.**

Call to order at 6:03pm by President Dave Baragrey.

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

Members Absent: Justin Wing.

Others Present: Rachel Frisch, Arnie Quay, Roger Latuszek and Keri Swantek.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Bonny Miller to accept the minutes from the March 16th 2020 meeting as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Courterier, Cruz, Stults, Holewinski, Jarecki, Miller, Johnson and Baragrey – Ayes. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Scott Courterier to approve the bills dated March 12th – April 3rd 2020 in the amount of \$13,610.12. The roll call vote was as follows: Jarecki, Johnson, Miller, Holewinski, Stults, Cruz, Courterier and Baragrey - Ayes. Nays – None. Motion carried. A motion was made Randy Stults to approve the bills dated April 4th 2020 to May 4th 2020 in the grand total of \$19,427.58. This motion was seconded by Abe Cruz. The roll call vote was as follows: Johnson, Miller, Holewinski, Stults, Cruz, Courterier and Baragrey – Ayes. Nays – None. Motion carried.

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

Administrator's Update:

- Rachel Frisch said they have had interviews for the parks and recreation director position and they have selected 2 final candidates.
- Rachel Frisch discussed the press release regarding the opening of the campground for camping and asked the members when they were in favor of opening the campground. Arnie Quay was in favor of opening the campground on May 29th. Scott and Bill were in favor of this date. Randy was cautious about selecting a specific date.
- Rachel Frisch said the fireworks display is still scheduled for Friday July 3rd. Rachel said she has spoken to EMS about the show. The members discussed closing the day use area on Friday July 3rd.

Old Business:

- Arnie Quay said he spoke with Kuhn Specialty Flooring to schedule the demolition of the gym floor.



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-Rachel Frisch said she has not heard back from the Otsego Lake Association regarding the fireworks funding agreement.

New Business:

- A. Budget Amendment Groen Equipment:** A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Bill Holewinski to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners the budget amendment in the amount of \$15,057.00 to purchase equipment. The roll call vote was: Miller, Courterier, Cruz, Stults, Holewinski, Jarecki, Johnson and Baragrey – Ayes. Nays – None. Motion carried.
- B. Groen Updates:** Roger Latuszek said several of the projects including getting power for the gate openers are behind and that he will contact Kevin from C2AE. Roger said he has a forestry plan and has been in contact with Patricia Osbourne with this plan. Roger Latuszek said he received a bid from Earthworks for watering the forty trees once a week. The cost was \$9,600.00 for approximately three months. Rachel asked Roger to meet with Arnie to discuss some other options. Roger said the new lawn mower and snow blower have arrived and he is still waiting for the seeder and the cultivator. Roger said the work crew is coming later in the week to help clean up the preserve. Roger discussed renting a forestry mulcher to clean up the sticks, logs and debris mulched down towards the house. Roger said the area to be mulched is approximately 4.5 acres. The cost is \$1,400.00 for a day. Roger said he felt one day was sufficient. The Commission advised Roger to go ahead with it for the one day.
- C. Parks and Recreation Updates:** Arnie Quay said he has contacted Kuhn Specialty Flooring to schedule the demolition of the gym floor.
Arnie said approximately 50% of the campground is cleaned up. Arnie said the boat ramp will be fixed tomorrow and the dock will be put in this week. Arnie said approximately 200 – 300 people go to Wah Wah Soo the night of the fireworks. Rachel discussed possibly installing barricades.
- D. County Park Adoption Resolution:**
and
- E. Otsego Co. Board of Commissioners Executive Summary Playground Grant:** Rachel Frisch discussed pursuing a grant to fund new playground equipment at the County Park. Rachel discussed a DNR Recreation Passport Grant application for \$150,000.00. A motion was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Judy Jarecki to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners to approve the Recreation Passport Grant Program Adoption Resolution. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes – Jarecki, Miller, Courterier, Cruz, Stults, Holewinski, Johnson and Baragrey. Nays – None. Motion carried.
- F. Wastewater reporting at the Campground:** Rachel Frisch discussed the waste water monitoring that is required with the Environment Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) on a monthly basis. Rachel presented a proposal from Infrastructure Alternatives Inc. The cost is \$65.00 per hour and \$50.00 for trucks and tool charges. The approximately monthly cost is \$115.00. A motion was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Abe Cruz to engage the services of Infrastructure Alternatives Inc. The roll call vote was: Ayes – Courterier, Stults, Johnson, Holewinski, Jarecki, Cruz, Miller and Baragrey. Nays – None. Motion carried.
- G. Mark Mellon Triathlon:** Dave Smith contacting Arnie Quay about having the Mark Mellon Triathlon on August 16th 2020 at the County Park. The members were in favor of having this event.



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Commissioner Comments: Randy Stults thanked Rachel for helping the parks department in the absence of a director. Randy also thanked the park staff for their efforts.

The next meeting is Monday June 8th at 6:00pm. Rachel Frisch said this meeting will probably be done using Zoom.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Doug Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Attachments as part of these minutes

- Financial reports from April for the County Parks, Groen Preserve and the Community Center.
- Bills dated March 12th – April 3rd 2020 in the amount of \$13,610.12.
- Bills dated April 4th 2020 to May 4th 2020 in the grand total of \$19,427.58.
- Budget Amendment Groen Preserve.
- Recreation Passport Grant Program Adoption Resolution.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary