



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve
Irontone Springs
Libke Field
Pontresina Park

Otsego Lake County Park
Wah Wah Soo
Community Center

Minutes
Regular Meeting Otsego County Parks & Recreation Commission
June 8th, 2020.

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

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

Members Absent: Abe Cruz.

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

Approval of the previous minutes: A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Bill Holewinski to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Bills: A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Randy Stults to approve the payment of the bills dated 5/5/20 – 5/29/20 in the amount of \$32,420.16. Motion carried.

Rachel Frisch introduced Tom Pratt, the new parks director to the commission members.

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

Director's Update:

- Tom Pratt said he recently visited the Groen Preserve for the first time.
- Tom Pratt said they gym floor has been removed and the second phase of the project will start next week.
- Tom Pratt said he was happy with how good the County Park looked and the opening day will be Wednesday June 10th and that money will be deposited daily.
- Tom Pratt said the repair work for the boat ramp is complete and the dock is installed.
- Tom Pratt said the road commission cut down some trees and remove the leaves from the campground.
- Tom Pratt said the Fireworks remain scheduled for Friday July 3rd.
- Tom Pratt updated the members about the possibility of closing the park to visitors at 6:00am on Friday July 3rd as well as closing the boat launch.
- Tom Pratt said the contract has been signed with the Otsego Lake Association and that he still needs to meet with Bagley Township to get a permit signed.



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New Business:

A. Gym Floor Update: this was discussed during the Director's Update.

B. Groen Updates:

-Utility Trailer: Tom Pratt discussed purchasing a utility trailer for the preserve. A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller to move money from education and training to property and vehicles not to exceed \$4,000.00. to purchase a trailer. Motion carried.

Roger Latuszek said contacted the fire department in Johannesburg to water the trees 3 times per week for \$1,000.00 per month.

Roger Latuszek said the seeder and field cultivator has not come in yet.

Roger Latuszek said the food plots were planted and that the work camp came and assisted with cleaning up the trees that were cut down last year.

Roger Latuszek said the forestry mulcher came to the preserve but the machine broke down so he will have to return to finish the project.

Roger Latuszek said he and Tom Pratt will be doing interviews for an additional seasonal employee.

Edie Block with the Groen Foundation Board came up on Friday and met with Tom, Roger, Rachel and Mel.

C. Parks and Recreation Updates: this was discussed during the director's update.

D. Fireworks Update: this was discussed during the director's update.

Commissioner Comments:

-Dave Baragrey discussed revenues being down and adjusting the budget. Dave Baragrey also thanked Rachel Frisch for her help.

- Justin Wing asked about adding additional years to the capital outlay plan.

- Rachel Frisch recommended reviewing the capital outlay plan every October.

- Doug Johnson asked why the meeting schedule listed the June meeting being at the Groen Preserve and he asked where the July meeting will be located. Doug also welcomed Tom Pratt.

- Bill Holewinski welcomed Tom Pratt.

- Justin Wing asked if the Community Center will still be open in the morning a couple days a week for people to play basketball as they did last year.

- Scott Courterier and Randy Stults welcomed Tom Pratt. Scott Couterier also thanked Rachel Frisch and the staff for their effort during this transition.

- Bonny Miller thanked Rachel Frisch for her help and said she will not be at the July meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 13th at 6:00pm at the Otsego Lake County Park.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Justin Wing and seconded by Bill Holewinski. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Attachments as part of these minutes:

- Bills dated 5/5/20 – 5/29/20 in the amount of \$32,420.16.

- Financial reports for May for the County Parks, Community Center and the Groen Preserve.



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Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary