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**Minutes  
Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting  
July 13th, 2020**

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

**Members Present:** Bill Holewinski, Scott Courterier, Judy Jarecki, Bonny Miller and Randy Stults.

**Members Absent:** Abe Cruz, Doug Johnson and Justin Wing.

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

Justin Wing arrived at 6:01pm.

**Previous Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes as presented from the June 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Justin Wing. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

Tom Pratt added Community Center updates to the Director's Update on the agenda.

**Bills:** A motion was made to approve the bills dated 5/30 – 7/8/20 in the amount of \$115,474.20 by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller. Motion carried.

Doug Johnson arrived at 6:02pm.

**Financial Reports:** The members discussed the financial reports for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve from June. Tom Pratt also presented the reports from July to show the reservations made at the campground up to 7/10/20.

**Director Update:**

- A. Groen:** Roger Latuszek said the seeder arrived and the trailer was purchased. Roger said ~~they~~ [that]Eagle 101.5 radio has been running advertisements for the preserve. Rachel Frisch said she is scheduling a zoom meeting with the Groen Foundation Board to introduce the members to Tom Pratt and ~~the~~ [to] provide updates on capital projects.
- B. County Park:** Arnie Quay said the campground has been very busy. Arnie said mid-week camping is increasing. Arnie and Tom are getting prices on improving approximately 18 sites that are currently below grade and hold water.



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- C. Irontone Springs:** Tom Pratt discussed materials that were purchased through a grant. Tom and Arnie Quay went to the park and measure the area for where fence and other materials can be installed.
  
- D. Mark Mellon Triathlon:** Tom Pratt spoke with Dave Smith and they are still planning on ~~have~~ [having] the triathlon. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Scott Courterier to advise Dave Smith that the ~~co-vid 19~~ [COVID-19] requirements that he has in place need to ~~come~~ [submit] to the board to get the district health department approval of them before the board moves forward. Motion carried.
  
- E. Fireworks:** Tom Pratt said the campers were thankful that the park was closed on the day of the fireworks. Tom said the fireworks show went well.
  
- F. Ranger Station:** Tom Pratt the amount of water is the crawl space is decreasing. Tom said the crawl space will be sealed on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
  
- G. Community Center:** Tom Pratt said the gym floor is done and the building will be cleaned. Tom discussed replacing some fencing around the outside of the Community Center. Tom discussed possibly replacing one of the outside courts and install a parking lot.

**New Business:**

- A. Approval for Emergency Mgt Meeting to be held at the County Park for free of charge along with admission:** Tom Pratt said EMS is hosting an emergency management meeting at the County Park on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 1:00pm. A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller to waive the fee for the pavilion and the admission fee for those attending. Motion carried.
  
- B. Approval of Forestry Plan at the Groen:** Tom Pratt presented a forestry plan from NEMCOG. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Doug Johnson to go forward with the plan from NEMCOG and the Groen Foundation Board to meet the match. Justin Wing abstained from this motion. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Comments:**

- Bill Holewinski said Jason Melancon retired as manager of the road commission and Steve Mench is serving as the foreman.
- Bonny Miller said the vibe of the group is good and said Tom Pratt is doing a good job.



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The next meeting is on Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Irontone Springs.

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

Attachments as part of these minutes:

- Bills dated 5/30 – 7/8/20 in the amount of \$115,474.20.
- Financial reports for June for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
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Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Randy Stults, Secretary