



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 and Recreation Commission
September 14th, 2020**

Call to order at 6:00pm by Dave Baragrey at Irontone Springs.

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

Members Absent: Scott Courterier.

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

Approval of previous Minutes: A motion was made by Abe Cruz and seconded by Bill Holewinski to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Bill Holewinski to approve the bills dated 8/4/20 – 9/5/20 in the amount of \$70,260.37. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Financial Reports: The members discussed the financial reports from August for the Community Center, the County Parks and the Groen Preserve. Tom Pratt presented a draft of the budget that will be presenting at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- Tom Pratt presented a report of the employees and positions for the County Park, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve per the request of Justin Wing.
- **Irontone Trail Signs:** Tom Pratt said he is getting prices for installing approximately 10 signs on the trail at Irontone Springs.

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New Business:

- **Groen Budget Amendment for \$25,000.00:** A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Abe Cruz to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners a Groen Nature Preserve Budget amendment of \$25,000.00 for tree removal and clean-up. Motion carried.
- **Moving money for Irontone Fencing:** Tom Pratt provided an update on fencing to be installed in mid-October. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Doug Johnson to approve the project of replacing the fencing at Irontone Springs including the fence on the North side with a gate. Motion carried.

Director's Update:



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- **Groen:** Tom Pratt said a cross country meet was held at the preserve this past weekend and was very successful with approximately 90 runners. Tom Pratt discussed the capital projects and said that the Groen Foundation wants to spend \$350,000.00 on the pavilion. Tom Pratt and Roger Latuszek are meeting with Kevin Makarewicz from C2AE to discuss this.
- **County Park:** Tom Pratt said the Halloween Weekends are coming up. Tom Pratt said there are several dead trees at the park that the branches need to be trimmed or the trees need to come down. Tom is working on getting an amount of trees. Tom Pratt said he received a campsite improvement proposal from Wade Trim. Tom will send this to the members.
- **Irontone Springs:** Tom Pratt said the trail is not in good condition. Tom said it is very steeper and needs a lot of work. He invited members to walk the trail after the meeting.
- **Libke Fields:** Nothing discussed.
- **Dog Park:** Nothing discussed.
- **Community Center:** Tom Pratt recommended no change in the closed status of said he does not plan to open the Community Center at this time.
- **Wah Wah Soo:** Tom Pratt and Rachel Frisch informed the members that the state plans to remove the docks.

Commissioner Comments:

- Judy Jarecki said the Vanderbilt trailhead is finished.
- Justin Wing asked about the amount of people allowed at the Groen Preserve at one time.

The next meeting is Monday October 12, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Community Center.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Holewinski and seconded by Abe Cruz. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Attachments as part of these minutes:

- Bills dated 8/4/20 – 9/5/20 in the amount of \$70,260.37.
- Financial Reports from August for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- Groen Budget Amendment
- Estimate for installing fence at Irontone Springs.



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-Report of Parks and Recreation Department positions.