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**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**January 11<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Call to order at 6:01pm at the Otsego County Building.

**Members Present:** Dave Baragrey, Justin Wing, Randy Stults, Scott Courterier, Doug Johnson, Bonny Miller via zoom, Abe Cruz via zoom and Judy Jarecki via zoom.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Tom Pratt, Keri Swantek, Roger Latuszek via zoom and Rick Deuell via zoom.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller to approve the minutes as presented from the December 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Rick Deuell discussed the forest stewardship plan he designed for the Groen Preserve.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Judy Jarecki to approve the bills dated 12/8/20 – 1/4/21 in the amount of \$13,404.81. Motion carried.

**Budget Reports:** Tom Pratt discussed the budget reports from December 2020 for the Groen Preserve, the County Parks and the Community Center.

**Old Business:**

- 1. County Park Capital Outlay Future Plans:** Tom Pratt presented a new capital outlay plan with the suggestions discussed at the previous meeting for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve. Dave Baragrey asked Tom to include approximate costs for these new project ideas in the capital outlay plan.

**New Business:**

- 1. Officer Election:** The officers including President, Vice President and Secretary were up for election for January – December 2021. Doug Johnson nominated Bonny Miller for Secretary. This motion was seconded by Scott Courterier. There were no other nominations. Motion carried.  
Justin Wing nominated Scott Courterier for Vice President. This motion was seconded by Doug Johnson. There were no other nominations presented. Motion carried.  
Doug Johnson nominated Dave Baragrey for President. This motion was seconded by Scott Courterier. There were no other nominations. Motion carried.
- 2. Attendance:** Randy Stults presented an attendance chart from the meetings January 2020 – December 2020. Dave Baragrey informed the members that Bill Holewinski is no longer on the Otsego County Road Commission. Dave said the Road Commission has not selected a new



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representative to the parks board yet. Dave made a certificate of appreciation for Bill Holewinski and showed it to the other members.

3. **Current Bids:** Tom Pratt said two bids were opened on Friday. Jim Wernig won the bid for the new truck with a bid of \$31,500.00. The bid for two rangers for the Groen Preserve was awarded to Leaders RPM \$27,715.96.

#### **Director's Update:**

1. **Community Center:** Tom Pratt said there was another leak in the heating system. Quality Plumbing is coming this week.
2. **County Park:** Tom Pratt said the tentative opening date is scheduled on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2021. Tom said advanced reservations for the 2021 camping year are currently \$107,134.04.
3. **Groen Preserve:** Roger Latuszek stated that approximately 100 people visited the preserve this past weekend. Roger said they are having a nature hike this Saturday afternoon. Tom and Roger discussed Headwaters Land Conservancy hosting a snowshoe event in March.

#### **Commissioner Comments:**

-Justin Wing asked when the site improvement project would occur. Tom said it would likely take place in the Fall when the project is approved.

-Randy Stults asked if there would be enough members present at the meeting in February to have a quorum.

-Doug Johnson congratulated Bonny Miller, Scott Courterier and Dave Baragrey.

-Abe Cruz said Rick Dueuell gave an impressive presentation.

**Community Center Opening:** Tom Pratt said he met with Rachel Frisch and he wants to open the facility as soon as the current MDHHS orders expire. Several members were in favor of opening the facility. Tom said he has received several requests for Pickleball.

The next meeting is Monday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building room 100.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Abe Cruz. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

#### Attachments as part of these minutes

- Bills dated 12/8/20 – 1/4/21 in the amount of \$13,404.81.
- Budget reports from December for the County Parks, Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- Groen Preserve Interim Forest Stewardship Plan
- Capital Outlay Plan
- 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission Attendance Chart

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Bonny Miller, Secretary



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