



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

Otsego Lake County Park
Wah Wah Soo
Community Center

Proposed Minutes
Otsego County Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting
April 12th 2021

Called to order at 5:59pm by President Dave Baragrey at the Otsego County Building, room 100.

Members Present: Justin Wing, Scott Courterier, Dave Baragrey, Bonny Miller, Troy Huff and Randy Stults.

Members Absent: Doug Johnson and Judy Jarecki.

Others Present: Jacob Brown, Keri Swantek and Tom Pratt via Zoom.

Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Troy Huff to approve the minutes dated March 8th 2021 as presented. Motion carried.

Doug Johnson arrived at 6:01pm.

Bills: A motion was made by Justin Wing and seconded by Troy Huff to approve the bills dated March 1st – March 31st 2021 in the amount of \$23,394.29. Motion carried.

Budget Reports: Tom Pratt discussed the budget reports from March 2021 for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve with the board members.

Old Business:

- 1. Wade Trim/Grant:** Tom Pratt said that he turned in the application for the DNR grant for the campsite improvements project. Wade Trim provided a narrative of the grant.
- 2. Fireworks Agreement:** Tom Pratt said he contacted Nick Florian but Nick has not returned a copy of the contract yet.

New Business:

- 1. Sea Plane Fly-in June 11-13/Pavilion:** Tom Pratt asked the members to move forward with the Sea Plane Fly-in per the MDHHS guidelines. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Scott Courterier to approve Otsego Lake Splash In, Inc. to hold the annual Sea Plane Fly-In June 11th-13th 2021 at the Otsego Lake County Park. Motion carried.
Tom Pratt informed the board members that Randy Rhodes wife recently passed away. Tom asked the members to approve renaming the North Pavilion in honor of Randy and Nancy Rhodes. A motion was made by Randy Stults to move forward with naming the North Pavilion in honor of Randy and Nancy Rhodes and the Otsego Lake Splash In and seconded by Troy Huff. Motion carried.
- 2. Erosion Issue at the County Park/Budget Amendment:** Tom Pratt informed the members of the beach erosion issue near the deluxe cabins. Tom Pratt said EGLE recommended Johnston's



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Landscaping, LLC to install shoreline protection in the amount of \$8,600.00. A motion was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Scott Courterier to recommending to the budget and finance committee to move \$8,600.00 from fund balance to cover the emergency erosion situation at the County Park. Motion carried.

- 3. Other:** Dave Baragrey informed the members that Abe Cruz retired from the board. Tom Pratt asked the board members to submit suggestions for a new member to him and Rachel Frisch.

Director's Update

- 1. Community Center:** Tom Pratt said the Community Playgroup is continuing to have good attendance. Tom said the adult basketball league started yesterday.
- 2. County Park:** Jacob Brown discussed the erosion issue at the campground. Jacob said the first seasonal employee is starting tomorrow. Tom Pratt said Tim Moore will be the new host camper.
- 3. Groen Preserve:** Tom Pratt said the pavilion; the gate and museum projects are currently out for bid. Tom said the completion date for the projects is October 16th 2021.

Commissioner Comments: Justin Wing asked about fixing some of the more difficult campsites prior to the start of the season. Tom Pratt recommended continuing with the project from Wade Trim.

The next meeting is Monday May 10th 2021 at the Otsego County Building, Room 100 at 6:00pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Attachments as part of these minutes:

- Bills dated March 1st – March 31st 2021 in the amount of \$23,394.29.
- Budget Reports from March 2021 from the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- Wade Trim Grant Narrative.
- Budget Amendment for Property Improvements for the erosion issue at the County Park.

Bonny Miller, Secretary

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary



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