



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve  
Irontone Springs  
Libke Field  
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Otsego Lake County Park  
Wah Wah Soo  
Community Center

**Minutes**  
**Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**May 10<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Called to order at 6:01pm at the Otsego County Building, room 100 by President Dave Baragrey.

**Members Present:** Dave Baragrey, Scott Courterier, Bonny Miller, Doug Johnson, Troy Huff, Judy Jarecki and Randy Stults.

**Members Absent:** Justin Wing.

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

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Judy Jarecki was marked absent and should have been marked under "Others Present". The start of the meeting was 5:59pm instead of 6:00pm. Under new business the erosion issue at the County Park/ budget amendment it says "a motion was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Scott Courterier to recommending and needs to be changed to recommend. A motion to approval the previous minutes with the corrections was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Randy Stults. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Troy Huff and seconded by Scott Courterier to approve the bills dated 4/1 – 5/3 /21 in the amount of \$56,749.53. Motion carried.

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

**Old Business:**

- 1. Fireworks agreement:** Tom Pratt presented a copy of the contract provided by Nick Florian. Randy Stults identified some changes including a Michigan Domestic Non Profit Cooperation. Under item C regarding refunding the money to include less any cancellation fees. Under item E regarding the installation of the platforms to include the location and date as specified by the vendor. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Scott Courterier

**New Business:**

- 1. Groen Pavilion Museum Bid Approval:** Tom Pratt presented a bid from Greene Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$427,600.00. A motion was made Doug Johnson and seconded by Bonny Miller to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners the bid from Greene Construction Group, LLC. Motion carried.



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- 2. Groen Entrance Gate Bid Approval:** Tom Pratt presented a bid from Greene Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$69,660.00. Tom said the Groen Foundation budgeted \$50,000.00. Tom said the Groen Foundation approved an additional \$20,000.00. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Justin Wing to recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee and the Otsego County Board of Commissioners to accept the bid from Greene Construction Group, LLC. Motion carried.

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

- 1. Community Center:** Tom Pratt said the adult basketball league is going well. Dave Baragrey and Tom Pratt discussed converting the far outdoor basketball court into a parking lot.
- 2. County Park:** Jacob Brown said several seasonal staff members have started. Jacob said the opening weekend was almost full.
- 3. Groen Preserve:** Roger Latuszek said the attendance has been down on the weekends due to the weather. Roger said the Girl Scouts are coming out to plant trees as a service project.

**Commissioner Comments:** Justin Wing asked about the police officer as part of the after school program and wondered which line item will be used to cover those costs.  
Judy Jarecki said the North Central Trail is very busy.

The next meeting is Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6:00pm at the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Hilltop House.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

#### Attachments as part of these minutes:

- Bills dated 4/1 – 5/3 /21 in the amount of \$56,749.53.
- Budget Reports from April for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.
- Fireworks Agreement.
- Groen Pavilion Museum Bid Approval.
- Groen Entrance Gate Bid Approval.



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