



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

Otsego Lake County Park
Wah Wah Soo
Community Center

Minutes
Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission
June 14th 2021

Call to order at 6:00pm by vice president Scott Courterier at the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Hilltop House.

Members Present: Bonny Miller, Randy Stults, Justin Wing, Troy Huff, Doug Johnson, Scott Courterier and Judy Jarecki.

Members Absent: Dave Baragrey.

Others Present: Tom Pratt, Roger Latuszek, Jacob Brown, Keri Swantek, Jacob Meyer and Leslie Sorensen via telephone.

Previous Minutes: Under Commissioner Comments, Justin Wing's comment about asking that the members be more involved in the projects they are being asked to approved at the meeting. Under Old Business the fireworks agreement, it said "~~A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Scott Courterier~~". It was changed to "A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Scott Courterier to approve the agreement with the changes. Motion carried". A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Randy Stults to accept the minutes with the corrections. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Tom Pratt introduced Jacob Meyer, the full time lead trail ranger at the Groen Preserve, to the board members.

Infrastructure Alternatives: Leslie Sorensen with Infrastructure Alternatives contacted Tom Pratt stating that the following materials are required for the Groundwater Discharge Permit: An Operations and Maintenance Manual, preparation of a Sampling and Analysis Plan, a Work Plan for the installation of flow measurement devices and dosing pumps. Leslie Sorenson presented an estimated cost for Infrastructure Alternatives to design these plans. The total estimated cost for the Operations & Maintenance Manual, Sampling and Analysis Plan and Flow Meter Work Plan is \$5,600.00. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Troy Huff to go forward with the requirements to comply for the state groundwater discharge permit number GW1010391 and contract with Infrastructure Alternatives Incorporated for an O&M Manual, Sampling and Analysis Plan and a Flow Meter Work Plan for a total estimated cost of \$5,600.00 to be taken out of Outside Contracted Services line item. Motion carried.

Dave Baragrey arrived at 6:10pm.

Bills: A motion was made by Troy Huff and seconded by Bonny Miller to approve the bills dated 5/4/21 – 6/8/21 in the amount of \$16,835.30. Motion carried.



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

Old Business:

Fireworks Agreement: Tom Pratt said the adjustments to the contract recommended by the board members were put into the contract. The Otsego Lake Association agreed to the adjustments. The contract was signed by Rachel Frisch and the Otsego Lake Association. Tom said the deposit for the fireworks has been received.

New Business:

Fireworks at County Park: Tom Pratt said the permits have been sent to Bagley Township and the Department of Natural Resources. Tom recommended opening the campground and day use area to the public on Saturday July 3rd, 2021. The board members agreed with this recommendation.

Director's Update:

- 1. Community Center:** Justin Wing asked that a line item be created for the costs for having a police officer at the Community Center during the after school program. Tom said a line item will be created. Tom Pratt said the lease with the city is good until 2023 with an extension until December 2028. Tom said the city has agreed to take care of one of the trees that is in the right of way. Tom said the contract states that the department is responsible for the other trees. Tom said approximately 10 trees need to be removed. Tom said he plans to bid out this project. Scott Courterier asked Tom to contact a Forester. Tom said he will contact the Otsego County Conservation District. Tom said the City is in favor of a parking lot at the Community Center.
- 2. County Park:** Jacob Brown said the Otsego Lake Splash-In went well and the North Pavilion was renamed the Rhodes Pavilion. Tom said they are working on the tree root issue.
- 3. Groen Preserve:** Roger Latuszek said the new roofs on the 4 buildings have been completed. Tom and Roger said the Groen Foundation members want to replant trees near the main house.
- 4. Dog Park:** Tom Pratt said the water is currently off due to a broken water line that will be fixed soon.
- 5. Wah Wah Soo:** Tom Pratt said there has been some vandalism to park.
- 6. Irontone Springs:** Tom Pratt said the park has been really busy. Tom said a new bridge will need to be installed soon.

Tom Pratt said the Wednesday of Alpenfest Week used to be a free day use day at the County Park. The board decided to discontinue this.

Tom Pratt said the Community Playgroup will be using the County Park on Tuesday August 24th. A motion was made by Bonny Miller and seconded by Dave Baragrey to waive the day use fee for the Community Playgroup participants.

Scott Courterier asked Tom when he can apply for a grant for new playground equipment. Tom said he can apply next year.



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Randy Stults discussed the upcoming millage. A motion was by Dave Baragrey and seconded by Justin Wing to recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee to request a millage to replace the expiring millage for the same amount on the ballot sometime this year. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments:

- Randy Stults asked about the boat lift belonging to the next door neighbors being stored at Wah Wah Soo during the winter. Randy also discussed the fence at Wah Wah Soo.
- Bonny Miller said she will not be at the next meeting.
- Justin Wing asked about getting the railway on the front steps at the Community Center repaired. Justin Wing also asked that the tennis nets be set up at the Community Center.

The next meeting is Monday July 12th 2021 at 6:00pm at the Otsego Lake County Park.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Bonny Miller. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Attachments as part of these minutes:

- Bills dated 5/4/21 – 6/8/21 in the amount of \$16,835.30.
- Budget reports from the Community Center, the County Parks and the Groen Preserve.
- Infrastructure Alternatives cost estimate for an O&M Manual, a Sampling and Analysis Plan and a Flow Meter Work Plan.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary

Bonny Miller, Secretary