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**Proposed Minutes  
Otsego County Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting  
July 12, 2021**

Call to order at 6:00pm by President Dave Baragrey at the Otsego Lake County Park.

**Members Present:** Randy Stults, Judi Jarecki, Troy Huff, Dave Baragrey, Scott Courterier, Doug Johnson and Justin Wing.

**Members Absent:** Bonny Miller.

**Others Present:** Roger Latuszek, Tom Pratt, Jacob Brown, Keri Swantek and Nico Tucker with NEMCOG.

Dave Baragrey appointed Randy Stults as the acting Secretary.

**Previous Minutes:** A motion was made by Troy Huff and seconded by Doug Johnson to approve the minutes from the June 14 2021 meeting as presented.

**Public Comment:** Nico Tucker from NEMCOG discussed the updates required for the Community Recreation Plan.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Troy Huff and seconded by Justin Wing to approve the bills dated 6/9/21 – 7/5/21 in the amount of \$24,071.30. Motion carried.

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

**Old Business:**

- 1. Property West of the South Campground:** Tom Pratt said the property owners contacted him about selling the property. An appraisal was completed that indicated the value of the lot to be \$10,800.00. Tom said the property owners were okay for selling it for that amount. Tom designed a map with potential uses for the property. A motion was made by Randy Stults and seconded by Scott Courterier to authorize the staff to move forward with purchasing Lot 21. Pine Park Acres SEC 29 T30N R3W in Bagley Township for \$10,800.00 in addition to appropriate closing costs.

**Budget Amendment:** A motion was made by Justin Wing and seconded by Doug Johnson to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners to approve a budget amendment in



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the amount of \$10,800.00 to be moved from fund balance to purchase the property. Motion carried.

- 2. Trees at the Community Center:** Tom Pratt said the 15 of the 16 trees at the Community Center need to be removed.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Recreation Plan Expiration and Update:** A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Scott Courterier to contract with NEMCOG to update the 5-year recreation plan not to exceed \$6,950.00. The plan is effective 12/31/2022-12/31/2026.
- 2. Community Center Projected Outdoor Plans:** Tom Pratt presented a map with ideas for the outdoor property which included a new parking lot, permanent Pickle-Ball courts and planting new grass.

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

- 1. Community Center:** Tom Pratt said a basketball camp will take place at the end of July.
- 2. County Park:** Jacob Brown said the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend went well.
- 3. Groen Preserve:** Roger Latuszek said construction has started on the new pavilion. Roger said the attendance has been a little low.
- 4. Dog Park:** Tom Pratt said it takes a long time to maintain the park. Tom asked if it was possible to start moving the facility to the new location. Doug Johnson said he will look into this.
- 5. Wah Wah Soo:** Tom Pratt said this park has been very busy.
- 6. Irontone Springs:** Tom Pratt and Jacob Brown said the park has been busy with several pavilion rentals.
- 7. Libke Fields:** The members discussed potential uses for the facility.

#### **Commissioner Comments:**

- Judi Jarecki said things are going well at the trail head and the Discovery Center is open.
- Justin Wing asked why the tennis nets have not been set up at the Community Center.
- Tom Pratt said Gaylord Machine and Fabrication will be repairing the railing at the Community Center.

The next meeting is Monday August 9, 2021 at 6:00pm at Irontone Springs.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Troy Huff and seconded by Justin Wing. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.



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Attachments as part of these minutes:

- Bills dated 6/9/21 – 7/5/21 in the amount of \$24,071.30.
- Budget Reports from June 2021 for the County Parks, the Community Center and the Groen Preserve.

Bonny Miller, Secretary

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary



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