



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 Commission  
September 13, 2021**

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

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

**Members Absent:** None.

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

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller to approve the minutes from July 12, 2021. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Bills 7/6 – 8/2:** A motion was made by Troy Huff and seconded by Scott Courterier to approve the bills dated 7/6/21 – 8/2/21 for \$34,174.64. Motion carried.

**Bills 8/3 – 9/3:** A motion was made by Justin Wing and seconded by Scott Courterier to approve the bills dated 8/3/21 – 9/3/21 for \$52,241.37. Motion carried.

**Budget Reports for July & August:** Tom Pratt discussed the budget reports from July and August with the members.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Pickle ball Meeting:** Tom Pratt went to a pickle ball meeting. Those in attendance were not very interested in pickle ball courts being installed at Libke Fields because of the drive out to the facility. They were very excited about the pickle ball courts at the Community Center. Tom said the participants preferred one indoor pickle ball court on the gym floor instead of two courts. Justin Wing asked if lines for the volleyball court and the pickle ball court could be painted on the floor after the floor is resurfaced next year.
- 2. Pavilion/Museum/Gate Update:** Tom Pratt showed the members pictures of the progress of the pavilion, the museum and the gate projects at the Groen Preserve.
- 3. Tree Removal:** Tom Pratt showed the members a picture of the five trees removed along the front of the building.



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#### **New Business:**

1. **Millage Renewal:** Dave Baragrey said that he had a meeting with Tom Pratt and Rachel Frisch about the upcoming millage. Dave said the millage would be on the ballot sometime in 2022.

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

1. **Community Center:** Tom Pratt said the after-school program started last week.
2. **County Park:** Jacob Brown said that Labor Day Weekend was busy and the staff is getting ready for the Halloween Weekends.
3. **Dog Park:** Tom Pratt said he has not had any complaints about the dog park.
4. **Wah Wah Soo:** Tom Pratt recently spoke to the neighbors and they said they would not leave their boat hoist on the park property.
5. **Irontone Springs:** Tom Pratt said the park has been very busy with several pavilion rentals.
6. **Groen Preserve:** Tom Pratt said that Rachel Frisch asked him to prepare a 5-year plan to send to the Groen Foundation at the annual meeting. The potential expenses included a new tractor, batwing brush hog, cultivator, square baler, hay rake, hay bine, team of horses, horse harness, horse driven sleigh, horse driven wagon, new truck, cross-country ski deicer, cross-county ski groomer, tracks for the snowmobile, replacing the 4-wheeler, lawnmower and zero turn mower a log splitter, yard broom, tool allowance, swing broom cutter attachment, tracks for skid steer, replacing fence posts each year and replacing the Kubota utility vehicle. Scott Courterier and Troy Huff were opposed to livestock and farming on the property. Randy Stults asked to have a more detailed multi-year plan developed. Randy asked that a disclaimer be included in the plan indicating that the prices of the equipment are subject to change. A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Justin Wing to approve the draft of the plan.

#### **Commissioner Comments:**

Justin Wing asked if the tennis nets have been put up at the Community Center. Tom said one net was setup.

Tom Pratt said the Groen Foundation would like to plant approximately 400 trees along the road to the main house at the Groen Preserve. Tom said an irrigation system would need to be installed. Randy Stults wanted the possible expenses of the trees and the irrigation system added to the plan and budget.

The next meeting is Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6:00pm at the Otsego County Building, room 100.

A motion was made by Scott Courterier and seconded by Bonny Miller to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.



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Attachments as part of these minutes:

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- Budget Reports for July and August.

Keri Swantek, Recording Secretary  
Bonny Miller, Secretary