

2/24/22 Chautauqua County Parks Commission meeting minutes

Members present: Bob Franzen, Tom Erlandson, Bob Dando, Jacob Bodway, Martha Anderson, Steve Sandberg, Judy Hunt

Guests present: Josh Rothwell, Matt Bourke, John Hemmer, Sam Zafuto, John Schnars

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. at the Jamestown Airport by Chair Bob Franzen. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. Josh Rothwell was introduced as the Deputy Director of DPF. Friends of the Greenway will become a 501C funded by grant from Sheldon Foundation.

Operations Erlandson harvest has been delayed due to snow. A bid is being prepared for a new Jon boat. Recruiting for 3 summer employees is underway. 2022 3% occupancy tax restored to \$150,000. Luensman bathroom reconstruction/replacement is \$100,870 increased by \$40,000 with ARPA funding. Porta johns will be installed for this summer. Trail maintenance is \$59,000 funded by ARPA.

Legislation A new Airport manager has been selected.

Trail Development Fat bike trails will be groomed on state land only. 10 koisks are to be built by students. During Phase 2 both Chautauqua Gorge and Mt. Pleasant will be closed. 2 new trails at Whalen Memorial Park will be rerouted. A decision about keeping lean to at North Hills will be decided at March meeting. Concern was expressed about switchback navigability for 4 wheeler access at Eggeson Road.

Overview Parks Gatekeeper agreement at Erlandson is in process.

New business Amanda Dando was accepted as new member of the Commission. Her name will be submitted to the County Executive for legislative action.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08. Next meeting 3/24/22 at the Airport

Respectfully submitted by Judy Hunt, Secretary

