

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, January 18, 2023
Borough Hall
30 Mechanic Street
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

- Call to Order / Statement of Compliance Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call
Commissioners

Present:
Roger Kane
Edward Daley
Kirk Tibbett
Joe Luongo
Mike Phillips
Greg Jewell
Bob Higley

Absent:
Chris Kean

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Bill Degnan

Michael DiBenedetto – Borough Liaison

- Review of minutes from December 21, 2022.

Motion to accept made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Luongo. All in favor.

- Reorganization

Nomination of officers and secretary:

Chairman – Roger Kane
Vice Chairman – Bob Higley
Treasurer – Joseph Luongo
Secretary – Lisa Tiedemann

Motion to accept the nominations for 2023 made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor

- Correspondence –

- Letter from the Borough of Freehold naming Michael DiBenedetto as the Commissions Liaison to the borough.
- Email from Mike Sweetman requesting the Easy Dock quote and contact person.
- Email from Sascha Duckenfield requesting information about Lake Topanemus history for the boroughs newly updated website.

- Treasurer's report –

- Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of December 31, 2022 of \$7,353.18, recurring monthly expenses of \$183.00 for porta san and secretarial fees.

Motion to accept report as presented and approval of expenses made by Commissioner Higley, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. All in favor.

- Old Business
 - Lake Restoration – No report at this time.
 - Projects for 2023
 - Fishing Pier – Commissioner Daley reported that he spoke with Mike Sweetman and the Participatory Budget monies would be available once the Borough Council approves the budget. He spoke about his visit to Easy Dock and was very impressed with the dock and the many extras that could be added including benches.
 - Restoration of lake banks – Commissioner Kane reported that the application for the grant has been denied. Will be looking into a grant for bio logs.
- New Business –
 - Commissioner Kane suggested the commission look into purchasing barbecue grills and setting up picnic areas with eventually using the areas for rentals to generate funds for the park. Discussion of use, cost of grills, and rules for the areas.
 - Website information about the history of the park, pictures, and current uses.
 - Commissioner Jewell spoke about using cameras by the shed area to eliminate vandalism, possibly pigging backing off the boroughs. Mike DiBenedetto reported that along with Mike Sweetman they have been looking into the possibility of getting some cameras in the park.
- Commissioners Reports
 - Commissioner Higley – Reported that he will be pulling the floating dock out of the water in March and refurbishing it.
 - Commissioner Phillips – Donated a bat house to be used in the park
 - Commissioner Daley – Reminded the commissioners that they will be marching in the St. Patrick’s Day parade in downtown Freehold on March 12th, lineup on West Main at 11:30am.
 - Commissioner Tibbett – No report at this time
 - Commissioner Luongo – Spoke about meeting with the Monmouth County Parks representative about erecting bird houses in the Green Acres field on Robertsville Road. As he walked around the park, he didn’t find any evidence of lantern fly nests.
 - Commissioner Jewell – No report at this time.
- Volunteers Reports – No reports at this time.
- Public Comments –
 - Bill Degnan – No report at this time.
 - Mike DiBenedetto – No report at this time.
- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm
 Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Tibbett. All in favor.