

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, February 15, 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
Chris Kean

Absent:
Joe Luongo
Mike Phillips
Greg Jewell
Bob Higley

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Bill Degnan

Michael DiBenedetto – Borough Liaison

- Review of minutes from January 18, 2023.

No quorum to make a motion. Minutes will be voted on at next meeting March 15, 2023.

- Correspondence –

- Memo from Steven Gallo – Princeton Hydro progress notes.

- Treasurer's report –

- On behalf of Commissioner Luongo, Commissioner Daley reported a balance as of January 31, 2023 of \$6,996.20, 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 Kean, seconded by Commissioner Daley. Favor of motion made via phone from Commissioner Luongo.

- Old Business

- Lake Restoration – Progress memo received from the borough.

- Projects for 2023

- Fishing Pier – Commissioner Daley reported the cost of pier has risen from \$33,000.00 to \$70,000.00. Discussion of removing some of the original requests such as the kayak launch and added hand rails, installation, and removal. Once the borough budget has been approved order for pier can be placed.
- Restoration of lake banks – Commissioner Tibbett reported he found a company from North Carolina that sells the Coir logs. Discussion of costs, delivery and installation.
- Picnic Areas – Commissioner Tibbett reported the cost of the BBQ grills would be approximately \$80 - \$250.00.

- Website – Commissioner Daley reported that he has information about the fishing in the area from a local magazine. It was suggested that they contact Kevin Coyne and Historic Preservation Committee to research history of the lake.
- New Business –
 - Work dates set for March 4th and 18th, 2023. Work to begin on Osprey nest platform and setting up picnic areas.
- Commissioners Reports
 - Commissioner Kean – Spoke about the National Guard videos taken.
 - Commissioner Daley – Checked into getting a banner for the parade (March 12, 2023) to be carried in front of the old truck to run about \$200.00. Will instead be using the banner Commissioner Tibbet got for Olde Freehold Day.
 - Commissioner Tibbett – Spoke with Mike Sweetman about putting fencing along back of parking lot.
 - Commissioner Kane – Reported that the borough has received two grants, one from NJ State DOT and the other from Monmouth County Parks in the amount of \$117,000.00 for new equipment in the playground area and refurbishing of the exercise trail.
- Volunteers Reports – No report at this time.
- Public Comments –
 - Bill Degnan – No report at this time.
 - Mike DiBenedetto – Reported he has received a quote for 2 cameras to be placed on the stage and shed in to amount of \$4,450.00. He has spoken to Tom Cook, Freehold Township liaison in regards to funding.
- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm
No motion made due to not having a quorum.