

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, February 16, 2022
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
Greg Jewell
Edward Daley
Bob Higley
Joe Luongo
Kirk Tibbett
Chris Kean

Absent:
Mike Phillips

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann
Guests: Bill Degnan, Mike DiBenedetto

- Review of minutes from January 19, 2021.
Motion to accept the minutes made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.
- Correspondence
Commissioner Kean reported correspondence with Tom Cook about plans for Freehold Township to build a parking lot off of Robertsville Road north of the Robertsville Road Lake Topanemus entrance, to add a split rail fence along the Green Acres property and No Parking signs. Mr. Cook stated that the plans and budget have been approved.

Commissioner Kane reported that the Borough of Freehold will be working on the existing parking area at the Robertsville Entrance, straightening out the rails but not adding additional parking.

- Treasurer's report –Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of January 31, 2022 of \$6,004.31, requested approval of expenses: secretarial services fee \$50.00, United Site Services (balance of contract), Poor Johns (security deposit) and 4 cans of True Fuel for a total of \$639.68.

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

- Old Business
 - Lake Restoration – Commissioner Kean reported that he has been in contacted by Princeton Hydro. Mapping and Modelling of the lake is ongoing. In April they will conduct a Watershed walk to assess the condition of, look for erosion, invasive species, etc. using a

NJDEP Form. In March they will start the monitoring period for 6 months. Monitoring will be boat based, and consist of lab sampling of vegetation, plankton, temps, etc.

- Projects for 2021
 - Downed Trees – Commissioner Kane reported that during the work project dead trees were taken down and cleared brush. Borough Public Works will work on clearing underbrush and work on path and leveling area. Discussion of a major cleanup in March using chipper, clearing brush and contacting local groups and advertising for volunteers. Date set for March 19th 9:00am – 1:00pm.
 - Fishing Pier – Commissioner Kane will be making the proposal to the Participatory Budget committee. Commissioner Daley will update the cost of the pier.

- Rental of the Pavilion – Commissioner Luongo distributed a proposed application for use of the park. Discussion of pricing, areas of use, responsibilities of renter, limits of number of people. Commissioners Luongo, Daley, Tibbett, and Jewell will continue to update the application and additional suggestions.

- New Business –
 - Commissioner Kane proposed a new Projects for 2022 adding the trail approved by the Participatory Budget with discussion of commissioners doing the work or bidding it out. Restoration of the lake banks.
 - Commissioner Kane reported about the Forestry Grant Freehold Borough received to clean up different parks with downed trees.

- Commissioners Reports
 - Commissioner Higley – Reported that he will be removing the tree off the floating dock once the weather warms up.
 - Commissioner Tibbett – Spoke about the Robertsville Road parking area and what lumber and supplies would be needed to define the parking area. Requested a motion be made to allocate the funds to complete the project.

Motion to purchase lumber and supplies not to exceed \$500.00 for the Robertsville Road entrance parking area made by Commissioner Jewell, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor

- Commissioner Kean – No report at this time.
- Commissioner Daley – No report at this time.
- Commissioner Luongo - No report at this time.
- Commissioner Jewell – No report at this time.

- Volunteers Reports – No reports at this time.

- Guest Reports – Guest Bill Degnan asked where the trees were dropped as he would like to pick up the wood.

- Public Comments – Nothing at this time.

- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm
Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.