

Minutes of Meeting  
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, March 16, 2022  
Borough Hall  
30 Mechanic Street  
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

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- 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

- Review of minutes from February 16, 2021.  
Motion to accept the minutes made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.
- Correspondence
  - Commissioner Kane received an email from Joe Fernando in regards to Osprey 's landing on the lake, field cutting, Monarch butterflies, and in-kind services bound to match.
  - Freehold Running Club donation of \$500.00 from Janet Bergum.
  - Western Monmouth Democrats Caucus requesting use of the park on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 12-5 and fee.
  - Commissioner Kean reported an email he received from Neil Herstik in regards to the shore line collapse, complaint of commission not able to manage the lake and included pictures and study.
  - Living Springs Church requested use of the park for Easter Sunday Service at 10:00. Parishioners will help with the cleanup.
- Treasurer's report –Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of February 28, 2022 of \$5,419.80, secretarial services fee \$50.00, True Fuel \$76.65 for a total of \$126.65. Approval is requested for building supplies for the fence on Robertsville Road in the amount of \$356.56.

Motion to accept report as presented and approval of expenses for fence in the amount of \$356.56 made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Jewell. All in favor

- Old Business
  - Lake Restoration – Commissioner Kean reported that he received a notification from

Princeton Hydro that on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 was the first boat-based monitoring event. The next one will be in June. They collected water samples and data, surveyed for algae and plants and conducted general observations.

- Projects for 2021
  - Downed Trees – Continued to be worked on.
  - Fishing Pier – Commissioner Kane stated he presented the proposal to the Participatory Budget committee. Commissioner Daley reported on the new estimate and found that getting the materials may be more of a problem than the cost. will update the cost of the pier.
  - Trail – Discussion of laying it out.
  - Restoration of lake banks – Discussion of bank area from dam and over to playground of plantings and retention wall. Commissioner Tibbett to write up an estimate.
  - Benches – Commissioner Jewell stated that many of the benches that have been immortalized will need painting. Painting day scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am.
  - Robertsville Road Parking Area – Grading and stone is needed.
  
- Rental of the Pavilion – Commissioner Luongo distributed a proposed application for use of the park. Discussion of Lake Topanemus having their own application and will request the Borough put it on their website, printing of pamphlets to be handed out at Olde Freehold Day and Freehold Township Day.
  
- New Business –
  - Commissioner Daley offered his old pickup truck for parades with advertisement of Lake Topanemus.
  
- Commissioners Reports
  - Commissioner Higley – Reported that he will be available to unlock the gates and electric for the church groups.
  - Commissioner Kean – Reported he took videos of the helicopters landing in the field and heard complaints of noise.
  - Commissioner Tibbett – No report at this time.
  - Commissioner Daley – No report at this time.
  - Commissioner Luongo – Contacted Poor John’s to set up the porta johns for Olde Freehold Day.
  - Commissioner Jewell – No report at this time.
  
- Volunteers Reports – No reports at this time.
  
- Guest Reports – No reports at this time.
  
- Public Comments – Nothing at this time.
  
- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm  
Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.