

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, June 15, 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
Edward Daley
Bob Higley
Joe Luongo
Kirk Tibbett
Chris Kean
Greg Jewell

Absent:
Mike Phillips

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Michael DiBenedetto, Dana Marchek, and Bill Degnan

- Review of minutes from April 20, 2021.
Motion to accept the minutes made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.
- Correspondence
 - Email received from Neil Herstik, directed to Tracy DiBenedetto requesting authorization to purchase a weed harvester for the lake.
 - Request received for reservation of the park for the Stephanie Parze Foundation Color Run scheduled for October 1, 2022.
 - Email from Joe Fernando with a bird report.
 - DEP announced grant funding for building a bulk heading from the dam, skipping the beach area and around just past the beach to the cover was suggested.
 - Monmouth County Probation has started up their Community Service program and will be sending someone to work in the park.
 - East Freehold Fire Department has requested permission to hold boat drills in the lake. Further information needed.
- Treasurer's report –
 - Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of April 30, 2022 \$5,472.01. Expenses paid Secretarial Fee \$50.00, park expenses \$94.54, and Poor Johns rental \$133.00 totaling \$377.54.
 - Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of May 31, 2022 of \$5,081.47, Regular expenses secretarial fee \$50.00 and doggie bags \$149.99. A \$500.00 donation was received from the Freehold Democratic Club. Approval is requested for secretarial fees and porta john rental \$266.00.

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

- Old Business
 - Lake Restoration – Commissioner Kean no report at this time. Discussion of the different types of grants the borough is applying for.
 - Projects for 2021
 - Fishing Pier – Commissioner Kane stated it has been presented to the Participatory Budget committee.
 - Trail – Has been completed.
 - Restoration of lake banks – No report at this time.
 - Benches – Sanding and painting needs to be continued and possibility of having the Community Services volunteers to help.
- New Business –
 - Work project day scheduled for July 2, 2022 at 9:00am
- Commissioners Reports
 - Commissioner Higley – Spoke about the water run-off from Rose Court.
 - Commissioner Kean – No report at this time.
 - Commissioner Jewell – Questioned if the lawn moving is on a regular schedule. Discussion of setting up a weekly schedule for the moving.
 - Commissioner Daley – No report at this time.
 - Commissioner Luongo – Spoke about the Pavilion Rental Agreement, and will be manning the booth at Freehold Township Day Saturday, July 9 from 3-9pm.
 - Commissioner Tibbett – Purchased new locks for the kiosks and stated the information in the kiosks needs to be updated.
- Volunteers Reports – No reports at this time.
- Guest Reports –
 - Mike DiBenedetto spoke about the Rifkin Farm which has crystal clear ponds, they stocked their ponds with Russian Carp.
 - Dana Marchek – Would like to work on the Poetry Post.
 - Bill Degman – No report.
- 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.