

Minutes of Meeting  
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, June 21, 2023  
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 7:02 pm with the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call

Commissioners

Present:  
Roger Kane  
Kirk Tibbett  
Bob Higley  
Joe Luongo  
Chris Kean

Absent:  
Mike Phillips  
Greg Jewell  
Edward Daley

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Edward Temple, Mike Faccone

- Review of minutes from May 17, 2023.

Correction to minutes – Treasurers Report – Invoice for doggie bags \$149.00.

Motion to accept the minutes with corrections made by Commissioner Kean, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.

- Guest – Guest Edward Temple presented a request to the Commission to place flags from each of the armed services on the corner of Pond Road to be attached to the guard rail around the American flag. Mr. Temple will supply the flags recycling the ones used on Elks Point and asks that the Commission to supply the PVC poles to hang them from. Discussion and approval.

- Correspondence –

- Request use of the park on August 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00am made by Vin Gopal and Ed Parze for a Stephanie Nicole Parze Foundation fundraising walk.
- Request use of the park on September 3<sup>rd</sup> made by the Living Springs Church. Discussion and concerns about the over parking area. Commissioner Kane will contact the pastor to make suggestions for the parking.
- Report of a branch that fallen through the top of the porta john.

- Treasurer's report –

- Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of June 21, 2023 of \$5,281.62, donations received \$300.00. Recurring monthly expenses \$266.00 toilet rental, \$50.00 secretarial expense and additional expenses Porta John emergency cleanup-\$75.00, Osprey Nest supplies-\$71.22 total are \$462.22 need approval.

Motion to accept report as presented and approval of expenses made by Commissioner Kean, Seconded by Commissioner Tibbett. All in favor.

- Old Business –

- Lake Restoration – Commissioner Kean passed out the Princeton Hydro Draft report for discussion. Commissioner Kean spoke about the report and the general recommendations.
- Projects for 2023
  - Fishing Pier – Commissioner Kane reported that the project has been approved and authorized at the Freehold Borough Council meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. And the pier has been ordered.
  - Restoration of lake banks – Guest Edward Temple suggested the use of discarded bricks from the old Borough Hall be used for the erosion. Commissioner Kane reported that a couple of the fisherman complained of the roots from trees around the fishing area causing a tripping hazard. Will be looked at on the next work project day.
  - Osprey Nest – Commissioner Kane reported that is up and ready for occupancy.
  - Picnic areas – Will be worked on the next work project day scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2023.
  - Website – Commissioners Kane and Luongo will work on the history of the park to be submitted for the Borough’s website.
- New Business –
  - Commissioner Kane reported that the Borough of Freehold has received a grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 to be used between three parks. Lake Topanemus being one of them to purchase fitness equipment, 6 items were suggested. Guest Mike Faccone requests the equipment be ADA approved. Discussion of equipment and placement.
  - Commissioner Luongo requested assistance with managing table at the Freehold Township Day event on July 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Report made of the big dip in the parking lot area near the entrance and additional stone dust needed in the area of the tree cookie bridge.
  - Work day scheduled for June 24, 2023
- Commissioners Report-
  - Commissioner Higley – Spoke about it being a great pleasure to walk/ride in the Memorial Day parade with the commissioners.
  - Commissioner Kean – Questioned the bridge flood gate not being straight, requested they look at it on the next scheduled work day.
  - Commissioner Tibbett – Will be looking at widening the boat ramp access on next work day.
  - Commissioner Luongo – Questioned if the commission had heard from the Eagle Scout Project. Commissioner Kane reported that he should be coming in soon with the presentation.
- Guest Reports –
  - Mike Faccone suggested that the commission purchase kayak ramps and kayaks to promote the boat rentals as well as running water and bathrooms.
- Public Comments – No report at this time.
- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm  
Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Tibbett. All in favor.