

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Borough Hall
30 Mechanic Street
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

- Call to Order / Statement of Compliance Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm with the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call
Commissioners

Present:
Roger Kane
Bob Higley
Edward Daley
Joe Luongo
Chris Kean
Mike Phillips

Absent:
Greg Jewell
Kirk Tibbett

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann
Guests: Jim Lau, Bill Degman

- Review of minutes from July 19, 2023.
Motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.
- Correspondence – Nothing at this time.
- Treasurer’s report –
 - Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of August 16, 2023 of \$5,388.26. Revenue received from Olde Freehold Date, boat rentals and bench sale - \$870.00. Approval requested for recurring monthly expenses toilet rental - \$266.00 and secretarial services \$50.00 as well as BBQ supplies, and flag poles for a total of \$1,096.21.
Motion to accept report as presented and approval of expenses made by Commissioner Kean, Seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.
- Old Business –
 - Lake Restoration – Commissioner Kane reminded all commissioner be available for the September 20, 2023 Lake Topanemus Commissioner Open meeting to meet with the Princeton Hydro representative Chris. The commission will have their regular meeting at 6:00pm and then move to the Freehold Borough Council Meeting Room. Discussion of water shed and previous reports done.
 - Projects for 2023
 - Fishing Pier – No report at this time.
 - Restoration of lake banks – Commissioner Kane reported that it is currently stalled until permits can be filed with the DEP. Assistance has been requested from the Borough Engineer.

- Picnic areas – Commissioner Daley reported that only one more needs to be installed, will finish at the next work project day.
 - Website – Commissioner Kane reported that a statement about Lake Topanemus has been written and will be submitted for the Borough website.
- New Business –
 - Commissioner Higley spoke about being very pleased with Olde Freehold Day complimenting the chairperson Andy Magioncalda for a job well done. Suggestion was made that a schedule of allotted time for commissioners to cover both the booth and paddle boats.
 - Work project day scheduled for August 19, 2023 at 9:00am adding the following projects:
 - Bumpers placed in parking lot
 - Widening of parking entrance and exit
 - Deck or some kind of structure behind the shed for storage
 - Weed whack wooded area
 - Put up bat houses
- Commissioners Report-
 - Commissioner Higley – Spoke about Olde Freehold Day and while on the lake caught 18 fish and about the paddle boats that will be needing repairs.
 - Commissioner Kean – No report at this time.
 - Commissioner Phillips – Reported he is still working on having the trees that have fallen into the water near his property removed. Has found they are on Borough property and therefore no the problem for the commission.
 - Commissioner Daley – Reported that he received a donation of approximately 50 bamboo fishing poles and has stored them in the shed.
- Guest Reports –
 - Jim Lau – Reported he cleaned up the shed and found the bat houses and requested they be added to the work project list.
 - Bill Degman – Stated that he was impressed with the parking for Olde Freehold Day that went very well.
- Public Comments – None
- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm
Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Higley, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.