

Minutes of Meeting  
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, August 17, 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  
Edward Daley  
Bob Higley  
Joe Luongo  
Kirk Tibbett  
Chris Kean  
Greg Jewell

Absent:

Mike Phillips

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Michael DiBenedetto, Bill Degnan

- Review of minutes from July 20, 2022.  
Motion to accept with a change to expenses for Porta Johns from \$366.00 to \$266.00 the minutes made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.
- Correspondence
  - Request from Living Springs Church to use the park on August 7<sup>th</sup> changed due to the weather.
- Treasurer's report –
  - Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of July 31, 2022 of \$5,964.84, income \$600.00, and regular expenses \$1,023.82. A report of the income taken during Olde Freehold Day.

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 Kane reported that he has received from Steve Gallo, Freehold Borough Business Administrator and official update from Princeton Hydro to the borough. Copy of the update will be included with the minutes.
  - Projects for 2021
    - Fishing Pier – Commissioner Kane stated it has been presented to the Participatory Budget committee and voting will begin on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - Restoration of lake banks – Commissioner Kane reported that Steve Gallo has contacted Matrix New World to submit a plan of the work they would like to do, they

had previously worked with Princeton Hydro and would like to be considered. Mr. Gallo also said he got a quote from Princeton Hydro for dredging the lake of \$11,000,000.00 and the biggest expense would be to remove the spoils. He also suggested that the commission contact Vin Gopal for assistance. Discussion.

- Benches – Commissioner Kane stated that the community service helper will be moving on to sanding and painting the benches. Commissioners Tibbett and Jewell offered to assist in getting him started with generator, sander and paint.
- New Business –
  - Newly erected fence along the new pathway was put in by Commissioners Tibbett, Daley and Jewell. Discussion of survey, placement of fence on property line, township ordinance and liability. Mike DiBenedetto to check with the borough attorney.
- Commissioners Reports
  - Commissioner Higley – Reported he has donated his canoe to the commission and has chained and locked it up behind the shed.
  - Commissioner Jewell – Requested a copy of the ordinance created for the commission. He suggested that a boat hook be purchased for helping to bring the paddle boats in. Jewell reported that he had a friend to straighten out the brass plaque that had been damaged when a branch fell on the bench.
  - Commissioner Daley – No report at this time.
  - Commissioner Tibbett – Reported that Billy Matthews brought to his attention that the retaining wall behind the pavilion is rotting. Suggested adding it to the Participatory Budget proposal.
  - Commissioner Luongo – Reported that he looked up the Freehold Township Municipal code for placement of the fence.
  - Commissioner Kean – No report at this time.
- Volunteers Reports – No reports at this time.
- Public Comments –
  - Bill Degnan – Spoke about the turnout at Olde Freehold Day.
- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm  
Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Jewell. All in favor.