

Minutes of Meeting  
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
Borough Hall  
51 West Main 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:

	<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
Roger Kane	Jim Lau	
Joe Luongo	Ed Daley	
Christopher Kean	Greg Jewell	
Bob Higley	Joseph Reilly	

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guest: Mark Costanza, Kirk Tibbett, Billy Matthews, Tom Taylor and Roman Janocha

- Review of Minutes -  
The minutes of Wednesday, February 20, 2019 were reviewed.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Commissioner Daley and seconded by Commissioner Luongo. All in favor.

- Correspondence –
  - Commissioner Lau reported he received an email requesting use of the park for Easter Sun Rise service.

Motion to approve the use of the park for Easter Sun Rise Service made by Commissioner Lau, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.

- Commissioner Kean reported that he received an email from “Crappie Man” stating he has had good fishing at the pond catching 36 fish – rainbow trout, bass and pickerel.
- Commissioner Daley reported that he received a check from the Freehold Area Running Club in the amount of \$600.00 thanking the commission for the continued support.
- Guests –
  - Roman Janocha from the Shade Tree Commission offered the commission red oak and dogwood trees to be planted at the park. He requested the commission to make arrangements to pick them up. Tom Taylor would like to work with the Colts Neck ROTC cadets who are looking for volunteer hours to plant the trees throughout the park. He will supply the equipment to pick up and deliver the trees along with instructing the cadets on planting and care of them. They would like to complete this project on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Mark Costanza spoke about the music festival and thanked the commissioners for their interest in the project. He entertained questions from the commissioners. Discussion of logistics and possible plan for spring of 2020.
- Treasurer's report –
  - Commissioner Lau reported an ending balance as of February 28, 2019 of \$6,097.06. The donation from FARC of \$600.00 was included in the balance. He requested payment of usual monthly expenses of \$120.00 and doggy bags \$99.89 totaling \$219.99.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented and approval of expenditures made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Kean. All in favor.

- Tom Taylor requested that the commissioner purchase a roll of Geogrid to help stop the problem of erosion on the trail near Robertsville Road.

Motion to authorize Tom Taylor to spend up to \$200.00 for a roll of Geogrid made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Jewell. All in favor.

- Old Business
  - Lake Restoration – Commissioner Jewell reported that he spoke with Monmouth County agent Ken Thoman. He is responsible for 100 lakes in Monmouth County and requested him attend next month's meeting. Commissioner Kean reported that Princeton Hydro has not heard anything back from the state. He will also be checking on a Stewardship grant which is a municipality grant that the governing body has to initiate.
  - Projects for 2019
    - Pedestrian Bridge – Kirk Tibbet reported that the county will be sending out approval letters. He is also still trying to reach the crane company who offered to help with placement of the bridge and will continue to look for donations of concrete.
    - Pathway to the bridge – On hold.
    - Parking lot – On hold.
    - Downed trees – Commissioner Lau he cleaned up the evergreen tree in the parking lot area and will continue with brush clean up in the back of the park.
    - Fishing pier– Commissioner Kane reported he spoke with Scott Preston, Preston Foundation requesting a donation of materials needed for the project.
- New Business –
  - Commissioner Lau presented a venue agreement and requested the commissioners look it over and come back to the next meeting with suggestions.
  - Commissioner Kane presented a letter from the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders in regards to the dam maintenance.
- Commissioner's Reports
  - Commissioner Higley – Presented a horse shoe he found on the far side which he believes was from a draft horse maybe part of the ice house history.
  - Commissioner Riley – No report at this time.
  - Commissioner Lau – Reported he placed a picture of the ice house in the kiosk.
  - Commissioner Daley – No report at this time.
  - Commissioner Kean – Spoke about cove area getting wetter and the need to look at it.

- Commissioner Luongo – No report at this time.
- Commissioner Jewell – Reported he contact Joan Seville for additional pamphlets and he has placed stakes in the ground for bench placement.
  
- Volunteers Reports – Nothing at this time.
  
- Guest Reports – Billy Matthews reported a skunk in the parking lot area and that there was brush dumped there as well.
  
- Public Comments – Nothing at this time.
  
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Luongo. All in favor.