

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Borough Hall
51 West Main 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:

	<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: Kirk Tibbett, Billy Matthews and Ken Thomam

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

Motion to correct the last name of the guest Billy Matthews and accept the minutes by Commissioner Lau and seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.

- Guests –
 - Commissioner Jewell introduced Ken Thoman from the Monmouth County Parks System who is charge of the counties lakes and ponds. Mr. Thoman spoke about his position as the county steward of landscape of the lakes and ponds. He told about the different lakes and ponds, their problems, dredging and dredging equipment the county has. He presented brochures and information about care of the lakes and ponds. Mr. Thomas made numerous suggestions such as having vegetation buffers using hibiscus, cardinal flower, pickle weed and wild blueberries which would also add to the texture of the landscape, using best management practices, educating the public especially neighbors and emphases on having a lake management plan. He read through the report from Explaining that the lake had some good bones. Mr. Thoman agreed to meet the commissioners at the pond to discuss a lake management plan. Discussion.
- Correspondence –
 - Commissioner Lau received a notice from Porta Potty for a \$5.00 per month increase.
 - Commissioner Daley received a thank you note from Lauren, the LLBean representative.
- Treasurer's report –
 - Commissioner Lau reported an ending balance as of March 31, 2019 of \$5,893.42. He requested approval of payment for usual monthly expenses and additional expenses of

tree planting costs \$484.88, park supplies (gas/oil, saw chains) \$94.60 and lunch and water for volunteers \$299.60 totaling \$879.08

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

- Old Business
 - Lake Restoration – No report at this time.
 - Projects for 2019
 - Pedestrian Bridge – Kirk Tibbet reported he is still waiting for the county to get back to him.
 - Pathway to the bridge – On hold.
 - Parking lot – On hold.
 - Downed trees – Commissioner Lau reported that none were interfering with the pathways.
 - Fishing pier– Commissioner Higley reported that he met with Scott Preston during opening day of fishing season and he was still interested.
- New Business – Nothing at this time.
- Commissioner's Reports
 - Commissioner Higley – Reported that the community service volunteer did not show.
 - Commissioner Kean – Requested that the borough public works come to the park to pick up piles of debris.
 - Commissioner Lau – Reported that the lawn mower nicknamed The Beast was back in the shed. He also stated that Mr. Taylor met with Mike Sweetman and they put out markers and are developing a plan that will permanently take care of the erosion near the Robertsville Road entrance.
 - Commissioner Daley – Reported he met with Lauren from LLBean and mentioned to her about using the bird / bat houses stored in the shed to be used for a project. They also spoke about maybe starting a community garden in the back area of the park. She will drawing something up for approval.
 - Commissioner Luongo – No report at this time
 - Commissioner Reilly – Spoke about the newly planted trees looking healthy.
 - Commissioner Jewell – Apologized to the commission for not being about to attend the clean up day.
- Volunteers Reports – Nothing at this time.
- Guest Reports – Billy Anderson reported he saw a women drive into the park and plant flowers.
- Public Comments – Nothing at this time.
- Clean Up date: May 11th
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lau. All in favor.