

Lake Topanemus Park Commission
June 19TH, 2019
Borough Hall
51 West Main Street
Freehold New Jersey 07728

1. Call to order/ Statement of Compliance

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the Open Public Meetings Act

A. Commissioners:

Present:

Roger Kane Greg Jewell
Jim Lau Bob Higley
Joe Luongo Chris Kean
Joe Reilly

Absent:

Ed Daley

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann -Absent

Guests: Kirk Tippett

Lauren Palatini L.L.Bean Representative

B. The Minutes of Wednesday, May 15th, 2019

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

C. Correspondance-

Request from Temple Rodeph Torah to hold religious services at the park on Friday July 12th (6:00-8:00pm) and Monday September 30th @4:00pm. Request included required insurance certificates. Motion to accept by Joe Riley and seconded by Bob Higley. All in Favor. Bob Higley will supervise opening and closing of gates.

D. Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Lau reported an Ending Balance in the treasury as of May 31st, 2019 of \$5,781.07. May Expenses were

\$125.00 and Receipts of \$1,000.00 received as a donation from the 2018 Irish American Festival.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented made by Commissioner Riley and seconded by Commissioner Jewell. All in favor.

E. Old Business

1).**Lake Restoration**- No new news regarding the Grant application. Guest speaker Lauren Palatini from L.L. Bean made a brief presentation regarding possible L.L.Bean sponsored support projects at the park.

A. Community Garden: L.L. Bean would like to initiate a 4' by 8' vegetable garden bed directly off the running trail at the quad section of the park close to the shoreline. The purpose would be to teach potential gardeners how to build and maintain a garden on their own. All vegetables would be donated to Open Door.

B. Discussion on a plan to build a platform/bridge on the running trail (right before the hill) over the wetland area of the trail. The commission liked the idea but agreed to focus on the Robertsville road project first.

2).2019 PROJECTS

1.**Pedestrian bridge**- Kirk has met with Joe Bellina and the plan is to order the bridge in the next week or so. No timeline is available at this time.

2.**Pathway to the Bridge**- No discussion

3.**Parking Lot**- On Hold

4. **Fishing Pier**- Discussion on submitting to the Borough Capital program this year. All agreed that we should pursue the project.

5.**Platform/bridge on trail** -On Hold

6.**Lake Management Plan**- See Commissioner Reily's report below.

E. New Business

1. Usage of the Porta John has escalated during the early summer. Discussion and approval to increase cleaning routine to twice a week. Commissioner Lau is authorized to contact the Porta John company and request twice a week cleaning (Monday and Thursday) through the end of September. The estimated cost will be \$300.00.

2. Commissioner Jewel indicated that the cost of the memorial benches has escalated and the commission agreed to raise the cost of any new requests to \$750.00.

- Commissioner's reports:
 - Bob Higley- Plans to rebuild the surface of the floating dock and relaunch before Old Freehold day which is scheduled for Saturday August 18th.
 - Chris Kean- No report at this time.
 - Jim Lau - The spare wheelbarrow has been repaired.
 - Ed Daly- In Ed's absence Jim Lau reported that the cosmetic posts on the boat dock were vandalized. They were removed and found on the beach area. To avoid this again the posts will be bolted to the structure posts at the next work day.
 - Joe Luongo- Looked into possible state grants that could support the commission's efforts but has found nothing so far. Investigation will continue.
 - Joe Reilly- Based on the ongoing discussions regarding our lake management plan Joe will begin to prepare a "draft" to document the overall plan as we have discussed thus far.
 - Greg Jewel- No report at this time

**NEXT CLEAN UP DAY IS
SATURDAY JUNE 29TH @ 9:00 am!**

AT THE RELEASE OF THIS REPORT,

**THE CLEAN UP DAY HAS BEEN
COMPLETED AND WAS A SUCCESS.
NICE JOB TEAM....MORE TO FOLLOW!!!**

**A "VERY" SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT
TO**

BILLY MATHEWS

**FOR DONATING 5 RAKES 2 SHOVELS
AND A PITCH FORK!**

DON'T WORRY BILL WE PROMISE

TO PUT THEM

TO GOOD USE!!