

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, November 20, 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	Joseph Reilly	Jim Lau
Christopher Kean	Ed Daley	
Bob Higley	Greg Jewell	
Joe Luongo		

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guest: Kirk Tibbett, Matt Dotto and Ed Temple

- Review of Minutes -
The minutes of Wednesday, October 16, 2019 were reviewed.

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

- Correspondence –
 - Letter from neighbor praising the borough for removing the tree.
 - Email to Kerry Higgins and friends informing the commission of monies available to the town of Freehold for improving lakes.
- Treasurer's report –
No report available
- Old Business
 - Lake Restoration – No report at this time.
 - Projects for 2019
 - Pedestrian Bridge – Kirk Tibbet stated the bridge has been ordered but a pre-construction meeting with the county has not been set.
 - Pathway to the bridge – On hold.
 - Parking lot – On hold.
 - Wet land bridge – Commissioner Daley reported that looks nice and that they have removed the extra pieces. He explained that it is safer now instead of the slippery muddy area. Kirk suggested that a split rail fence on each side of the bridge would look nice.
 - Downed trees – It was reported that the borough will start taking them down.

- Shed – Commissioner Kane reported he spoke with the borough works department about placement of the new shed. Work day planned for Saturday November 30th to remove the boats and cleanup.
- Fishing Pier – On hold till the spring.
- New Business – Commissioner Luongo spoke about restoring the edge of the lake possibly building some type of berm. Says he spoke to the Master Gardeners at the Freehold Soil Conservation office and was told they have left over approximately 200 plants and they have offered to help plant and winter over and then transplant in the spring. Discussion of placement and where to plant.
- Commissioner's Reports
 - Commissioner Higley – Stated he will be at the park for the Born to Run race to help prepare trails. He is also planning placement of a tree on the floating dock.
 - Commissioner Kean – No report at this time.
 - Commissioner Daley – No report at this time.
 - Commissioner Luongo – Spoke about a historical presentation grant he just completed and informed the commission of the amount of time and red tape to apply for the DEP grants.
 - Commissioner Reilly – Spoke about the Lake Management Plan and the responsibility of the town surrounding the lake to educate their citizens.
 - Commissioner Jewell – Stated he reached out to Barbara McMorrow and asked her to speak with Ed Brock about a donation of plants.
- Volunteers Reports – Matt Dotto introduced himself as a local resident and that he works at consulting in Environmental Remediation and is looking forward to helping out.
- Guest Reports – Ed Temple requested permission to paint a giant checkerboard on the pavement and he will supply wooden pieces to play.
- Public Comments – Nothing at this time.
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.