

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, December 18, 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	
Christopher Kean	Ed Daley	
Bob Higley	Greg Jewell	
Joe Luongo	Jim Lau	

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guest: Kirk Tibbett

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

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

- Correspondence –
 - Email from Neil Herstik re Algae problems in New Jersey and what is being done.
 - Letter from a borough resident complimenting on the care of the park, a \$150.00 donation to be used for purchase of doggy bags and an offer to help with the purchase of the bags going forward.
 - Email reporting a paddle boat had floated down to the end of the pong.
 - Reported by Commissioner Kean he received an email from Princeton Hydro requesting to meet in early January for recommendations and actions.
- Treasurer's report –
Commissioner Lau presented the Treasurer's Report stating that as of November 30, 2019 a balance of \$8,302.77 and requests an approval for \$88.41 for park supplies.

Motion to accept report as presented and approval of the expenditure made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Luongo. All in favor.

- Old Business
 - Lake Restoration – Commissioner Kean reported he will be setting up a meeting with Princeton Hydro for the first week of January.
 - Projects for 2019

- Pedestrian Bridge – Kirk Tibbet reported that he is waiting for the County Engineer to set up a meeting with the Borough, additional monies have been approved by the Borough Council.
- Pathway to the bridge – On hold.
- Parking lot – On hold.
- Downed trees – Commissioner Kane reported the Borough will be purchasing a bucket truck and will take care of the trimming and removal.
- Fishing Pier – On hold till the spring.
- Wetland Bridge – Project is complete and have been receiving nice review.
- New Business –
 - Commissioner Luongo reported that the Freehold Soil Conservation donated 200 plant and volunteers from the Master Gardeners helped plant them. They will also help with the planting in the spring.
 - Commissioner Reilly stated that he revised his Lake Topanemus Lake Management Plan adding material about private residences, suggested copies of the plan be sent to each homeowner surrounding the lake and Princeton Hydro. He requested that the plan be adopted as the official “Lake Topanemus Lake Management Plan” and be sent to both Freehold Borough and Freehold Township, he will also look into what other towns are affected by the watershed.

Motion to adopt the Lake Topanemus Lake Management Plan made by Commissioner Kean, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.

- Commissioner Lau requested that a new plan for 2020 Projects be made.
- Commissioner’s Reports
 - Commissioner Higley – Apologized for the Christmas tree floating away, will try to retrieve and secure.
 - Commissioner Kean – Requested the wood chips be removed and the brush cleaned up off the Robertsville entrance.
 - Commissioner Lau – No report at this time.
 - Commissioner Daley – Reported he spoke with Lauren from LLBean she was putting together a Walk Thru the Park event scheduled for December.
 - Commissioner Luongo – No report at this time.
 - Commissioner Reilly – Requested a date be set up for cleanup.
Clean Up date – January 4, 2020 9:00 am
 - Commissioner Jewell – reported he contact Barbara McMorrow who had numerously attempted to reach Ed Brock for a donation of plants and shrubs but has not heard back from him.
- Volunteers Reports – No reports
- Guest Reports – No reports
- Public Comments – Nothing at this time.
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Lau, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.