

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Borough Hall
51 West Main Street
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

- Call to Order / Statement of Compliance
Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm with the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call

Commissioners:

Present:

Bob Higley
Jim Lau
Ed Daley
Christopher Kean
Greg Jewell

Absent:

Joseph Reilly
Roger Kane

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Kirk Tibbett, Tom Cook, Freehold Township Liaison, Brian Dougherty and Jeremey Ettenger. Hatch McDonnell Representatives, Neil Hirsh

- Review of Minutes -
The minutes of Wednesday, March 15, 2017 were reviewed.

A motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Commissioner Daley and seconded by Commissioner Lau. All in favor.

- Correspondence – No Report at this time.
- Representatives from Hatch McDonnell - Brian Dougherty and Jeremey Ettenger spoke about their involvement in the program summarized what has previously been done to the lake, concerns over the growth of algae and the study of the lake in 2012. Aquatic applied two types of chemical programs to the lake in 2013 and 2014. In 2015 artificial reefs were placed in the lake by the commission. Discussion of killing off weed structures, fish and turtle populations, fisherman's complaints, new evaluation and when it would take place, targeted areas for algae control, previous costs of treatment. Going forward the representatives will check into the use of copper sulfate, make an assessment and return to give a report bringing with them an Aquatic Tech. The commission requested that any reports sent to the Township be copied to Roger Kane.
- Treasurer's report
Commissioner Lau reported an ending balance as of March 31, 2017 of \$10,281.76. Standard monthly expenses. He stated he received a \$500.00 donation for a memorial bench.

Motion made to accept treasurer's report as presented made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Kean. All in favor.

- Old Business
 - Weed Maintenance – See above.
 - Paddleboats – Commissioner Higley reported he is replacing peddles on the boats.
 - Band Shell – No report at this time.
 - Projects for 2017 and beyond – Commissioner Daley presented the quote he received from Solo Dock for 24' of 4x6' sections, includes materials and shipping in the amount of \$4610.00. Discussion of current dock.

Motion to approve payment of the Solo Dock not to exceed \$5000.00 pending any approvals and / or other requirements needed to install made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Kean. All in favor.

- New Business – No report at this time.
- Commissioner's Reports
 - Commissioner Kean – Requested approval to purchase a new box of doggy bags.

Motion to approve purchase of additional doggy bags not to exceed \$150.00 made by Commissioner Lau, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.

- Commissioner Kean – No report at this time.
- Commissioner Lau – Reported that he was able to find a solar light to be used for the flag pole on Amazon for \$22.00.

Motion to approve spending up to \$50.00 for a solar light made by Commissioner Lau, seconded by Commissioner Kean. All in favor.

- Commissioner Daley – Reported that he his search for a row boat was not going well and is looking into repairing the John Boat. He also spoke about the Freehold Borough Participatory Budgeting Meeting that he attended and the different types of proposals that were presented. Commissioner Kane presented a proposal for a bridge across the damn and a fishing dock.
- Commissioner Jewell – Reported that his is breaking down the old benches and replacing them to use for memorial benches. He replaced the water safety pamphlets and Thompson water sealed other benches. He noted that he is seeing less drug paraphernalia.
- Commissioner Higley- Reported he opened the gates for the participants of the Son Rise Service Easter Sunday. He was concerned about a missing person's flyer and bag of books he found in the park but after investigate found it to be a game.
- Volunteers Reports – No report at this time.
- Guest Reports – No report at this time.
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Lau, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.