

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, August 17, 2016
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:

Present:

Roger Kane
Bob Higley
Greg Jewell
Ed Daley
Christopher Kean
Jim Lau

Absent:

Joseph Reilly

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Mackenzie Kean, Tom Cook – Freehold Township Liaison

- Presentation – Mackenzie Kean presented to the commission her project of “Reconnecting with the natural world by disconnecting from the technological world” Poetry Posts. She states that she will manage an email where she will be collecting poems either written by the general public or favorite authors, requesting approval from the commission for posting, advertise through social media and use a “Go Fund Me” campaign to raise money for the posts. Discussion of placement of the posts, how many she would put up, how often would they be changed and when she would start. Mackenzie stated that she would provide a report at next month’s meeting.

Motion to accept Mackenzie Kean’s proposal of Poetry Posts in the park made by Commissioner Higley, seconded by Commissioner Jewell. All in favor.

- Review of Minutes -

The minutes of Wednesday, July 20, 2016 were reviewed.

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

- Correspondence – None at this time.

- Treasurer’s report

Commissioner Lau reported an ending balance as of July 31, 2016 of \$5,004.12, requested approval of expenses, Freehold Welding \$300.00, Home Depot \$207.89, park supplies \$9.17 (Jewell) totaling \$517.00.

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

- Old Business
 - Weed Maintenance – Commissioner Kane reported that the lake has turned green overnight and recently had a conference call with Pete Valesse and Joe Bellina. The last treatment was in 2014 and lasted one and half years. It was recommended that when the weeds came back that it should be treated again. Tom Cook stated that he will keep the commission in the loop with communications with the township and Hatch McDonnell and will send electronic copies of the report to all commissioners. Mr. Cook was requested to find out answers to numerous questions about the treatments, will an evaluation need to be done to see if anything has changed, and are targeted treatments possible. Discussion of fish life, when treatments would be done, chemical treatments only a band aid, complaints from fishermen, Christmas tree habitats.
 - Paddleboats – No report at this time.
 - Fund Raising – No report at this time.
 - Band Shell – No report at this time. Commissioner Kane stated that Kirk Tibbett is looking for ways to take additional money off the costs.
 - Neighbor – Commissioner Daley reported that Kerry Higgins, Borough Attorney stated the neighbor could not lay claim to public property. Tom Cook stated that he will look into a survey.
 - Monmouth County Inmate Program will begin on September 25 and go to the 30th. Discussion of possible projects.
- New Business –
 - Commissioner Kane reported that he received a check from Michael Ficone \$100.00 for use of the shelter and boats for a birthday party, a check from Ancient Order of Hibernians for \$2036.50 proceeds from gate tickets.
- Commissioner's Reports
 - Commissioner Lau – Reported that the porta johns needed cleaning and he contacted the company about cleanup and the costs of an additional unit.
 - Commissioner Jewell – Reported that he purchased the plugs for the paddleboats, he received additional brochures from Joan Seville and redid the holders and repainted the letters on the Robertsville Road sign.
 - Commissioner Daley – No report at this time.
 - Commissioner Kean – No report at this time.
 - Commissioner Higley – Thanked with help making the dock and requested help bringing it in.
 - Commissioner Kane – Set up a work day at the park on September 10th 9:00 am
- Volunteers Reports - None at this time.
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lau. All in favor.