

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Borough Hall
51 West Main Street
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

- Call to Order / Statement of Compliance
Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm with the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call

Commissioners:

Present:

Roger Kane
Bob Higley
Greg Jewell
Christopher Kean

Absent:

Jim Lau
Ed Daley
Joseph Reilly

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Kirk Tibbet, Judy Blair, East Freehold Fire Department representatives Scott McGill, Chip Pollo and Ed Bummer

- Review of Minutes -
The minutes of Wednesday, August 16, 2017 were reviewed.

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

- Guests: Members of the East Freehold Fire Department thanked the commission for permission to use the park for their 50th Anniversary Celebration schedule for September 23rd and presented the commission with a \$2000.00 donation.
- Correspondence – A letter from Temple Shaari Emeth requesting use of the lake on Friday, September 22, 2017.
- Treasurer's report
Commissioner Kane on behalf of Commissioner Lau reported an ending balance as of August 31, 2017 of \$4,279.36, monthly fixed expenses and additional park expenses of \$46.90.

Motion made to accept treasurer's report as presented, fixed monthly expenses and approval of \$46.90 for park expenses made by Commissioner Higley, seconded by Commissioner Kean. All in favor.

- Old Business

- Weed Maintenance – Commissioner Kane spoke about the meeting with Senator Beck and DEP officials at the park to talk about moving forward on ways to fix the lake without using chemicals. It was followed up with a conference call which included Mayor Nolan, Senator Beck, DEP Officials and himself which reiterated what was discussed earlier. It was agreed that the governing bodies are included and everyone was in agreement to not use chemicals. They also agreed to let the Commission to be the lead agency. It was suggested that an expert was needed on how to plan, make applications and apply for grant monies. It will be a long journey but the right path. Commissioner Kane stated that the DEP sounded very positive. Dr. Souza has given a proposal to write a grant application. Pleased there is so much interest.
- Paddleboats – Commissioner Kane reported that all boats were tested out by the community service volunteers and ready for the East Freehold Fire Department celebration on Saturday.
- Band Shell – Commissioner Kane reported that Freehold Borough DPW assisted with digging out the footings and then augured 8 pier footings. Waiting on inspection to continue.
- Projects for 2017 and beyond – Commissioner Kane spoke about the Participatory Project results to be published on September 26th.
- New Business –
 - Kirk Tibbet spoke about the Girl Scout troop enthusiastic about painting the bird houses that are in the shed. He will deliver them.
- Commissioner's Reports
 - Commissioner Jewell – Reported that he was very disappointed to find that some of the benches he had taken time to restore had been painted red with painted splattered on the concrete. He also stated that he has found drug paraphernalia around the benches and additional police patrols are needed especially during after school hours.
 - Commissioner Higley – Stated that he has new peddles for the paddleboats that will be installed shortly. He will also look over the other boats for additional repairs.
 - Commissioner Kean – Requested if the Borough Participatory Projects included getting new garbage cans that the old ones be used in the park. He also stated that one of the vertical bumpers had fallen off the dock and that he repaired it.
- Volunteers Reports – No report at this time.
- Guest Reports
 - Judy Blair requested that the cat tails not be cut down, offers to paint birdhouse and questions mulch.
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Kean, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.