

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Borough Hall
51 West Main Street
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

- Call to Order / Statement of Compliance
Meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm with the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call

Commissioners:

Present:

Roger Kane
Bob Higley
Greg Jewell
Christopher Kean
Jim Lau

Absent:

Joseph Reilly
Ed Daley

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Tom Cook – Freehold Township Liaison, Neil Herstik, Kirk Tibbet

- Review of Minutes -
The minutes of Wednesday, August 17, 2016 were reviewed.

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

- Correspondence –

Email request from Pat Lawlor, Commander American Legion Post 54 requesting permission for the Legion to use the park for a wine tasting fundraising event end of September / October. Discussion of other events in September, certificate of insurance, areas they will using and porta johns.

A motion to approve the American Legion Post 54 the use of the park made by Commissioner Lau, seconded by Commissioner Kean. All in favor.

- Old Business

- Weed Maintenance – Commissioner Kane introduced Neil Herstik. Mr. Herstik gives his background of being on the commissioner and continues to speak about the lake and the condition it has been in. He began outlining the treatments, studies done, types of remediation that can be done to clean up the lake and to keep the lake alive. Mr. Herstik spoke about the costs involved and how they would be divided up between the Township and Borough. He requested the commission continue to look for a long term solution, to keep him abreast of the decisions to continue with remediation and thanked the commission for listening to his concerns. Discussion of re-evaluations, clarity of water, types of remediation, contacting Monmouth County to see how they will handle a similar problem they are having at the Manasquan Reservoir.

- Paddleboats – Commissioner Kane states that the boats need to be pulled out of the water and secured for the winter. A clean up date was set for October 8, 2016 9:00 am.
- Fund Raising – No report at this time.
- Band Shell – Kirk Tibbett explained he was able to reduce the price by using different materials. He stated that he would take care of filling out the permits and submit a drawing. Discussion of removal of additional trees and how long to build.
- Parking – Commissioner Kane reported on some of the recommendations made by Bill Wetson, Freehold Borough Engineer of how to set up the parking area using all the area back to the tree line and using logs to make two lanes of parking spaces.
- Monmouth County Inmate Program – Commissioner Kane reminded the commission that the Monmouth County Inmate Program would begin this week and set up a list of projects for them.
- Treasurer's report
Commissioner Lau reported an ending balance as if August 31, 2016 of \$6,753.28, requested approval of monthly expenses and the following: Dog Waste Depot \$99.00, Potty Pros "Esp" Treatment \$25.00, park supplies \$15.10 totaling \$139.10.

Motion made to accept treasurer's report as presented and authorized payment of bills as presented plus approval to spend up to \$300.00 for food for the Monmouth County Inmate Program made by Commissioner Higley, seconded by Commissioner Jewell. All in favor.

- New Business – Nothing at this time.
- Commissioner's Reports
 - Commissioner Jewell – Reported that the park looks great.
 - Commissioner Higley – Reported that he helped with the Mayor's Initiative and three paddleboats went out, the canoe is missing and that he found a black plastic garbage can in the water and removed it.
 - Commissioner Kean – Stated he put the dog waste bags in the shed.
 - Commissioner Lau – No report at this time.
- Volunteers Reports - None at this time.
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Higley, seconded by Commissioner Lau. All in favor.