

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, October 18, 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
Jim Lau
Ed Daley
Joseph Reilly

Absent:

Jim Lau
Ed Daley

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Kirk Tibbet, Kevin Kane, Hank Stryker, Rob Hughes, Amber Mallm

- Review of Minutes -
The minutes of Wednesday, September 20, 2017 were reviewed.

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

- Correspondence – Commissioner Daley received an email from Lauren Palentino, Outdoor Specialist for LLBean requesting to have a program at the lake on the Free Fishing Day, September 21st and in 2018 on July 24th and July 26th have a hands on geo casting day from 11:30-2:30. The event would be offered to 40 children under the age of 18 and 4 adult supervisors.

A motion to approve the events planned on September 21, 2017, July 24, 2018 and July 26, 2018 by LLBean made by Commissioner Lau, seconded by Commissioner Jewell. All in favor

- Treasurer's report - Commissioner Lau reported an ending balance as of September 30, 2017 of \$3954.43 with an adjusted balance as of today of \$6084.43. Approval requested for park expenses in the amount of \$123.78 for rope and lunch for the band shell volunteers.

Motion made to accept treasurer's report as presented, fixed monthly expenses and approval of \$123.78 for park expenses made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.

- Guests – Rob Hughes and Amber Mallm, AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassadors introduced themselves and explained their project. They will be doing assessments of the local streams and tributaries to Lake Topanemus, doing visual evidence of erosion and biological testing, and will be reporting their findings to DEP. Discussion of the history of the pond, how it is used today, last treatment of copper sulfate and the two main streams that feed the lake. Commissioner Higley offered his expertise of the streams if needed.
- Old Business
 - Weed Maintenance – Commissioner Kean reported that he has not heard back from the two consultants Senator Beck suggested he contact. Discussion of Dr. Souza's proposal and if it would be responsive to the RFP from DEP. Commissioner Kean will check with the DEP officials to see when the RFP would be release and the time frame.

Motion made by Commissioner Lau to contract Dr. Souza based on what he said in his proposal in the amount of \$2000.00 and to submit the proposal in response to the RFP from DEP, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor

- Paddleboats – Commissioner Kane reported that all boats were winterized, wrapped chained and locked.
 - Band Shell – Kirk Tibbet reported that they concrete was poured for the fittings and the next step will be deck framing. Saturday, October 28th 9:00 set form framing and cleanup. Commissioner Kane thanked Mr. Tibbett for all his hard work.
 - Projects for 2017 and beyond – Kevin Kane spoke about the bridge over the dam area winning the Participatory Budgeting approval. Commissioner Lau read over the list of proposed Projects for 2017 and found that most of them have been completed. Additional project added to Saturday would be anchoring the benches.
- New Business – Nothing at this time.
- Commissioner's Reports
 - Commissioner Jewell – Reported that the benches looked better after painting the concrete white and says the DPW will continue to maintain the benches, he also reported that there has been a significant amount of garbage in the Robertsville Road parking area.
 - Commissioner Reilly – Reported that the porta john's door doesn't work well.
 - Commissioner Higley – Reported that he met with Temple Shaari Emeth on the 30th and even though the program was short he spent 3 hours there waiting for people to move their cars so he could lock up. A new padlock is being used on the front gate.
 - Commissioner Kean – No report at this time.
 - Commissioner Daley – Requests that the dock be removed and stored away during the October 28th cleanup day.
 - Commissioner Lau – No report at this time.
- Volunteers Reports – Kirk Tibbett reported that the concrete was a donation from Clayton Concrete and is valued at approximately \$960.00, he requested a thank you be sent to them.
- Guest Reports – Nothing at this time.
- Public Comments – It was reported that the lily pads looked to have been cut down below the water line and that there were dead fish by the flood gates.

- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:18p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Higley, seconded by Commissioner Lau. All in favor.