

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

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

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

- Roll Call

Commissioners:

Present:

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

Absent:

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Joe Longo, Kirk Tibbett, Billy Matthews and Hank Stryker

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

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.
- Treasurer's report - Commissioner Lau reported an ending balance as of November 30, 2017 of \$5527.83, band shell expenses \$394.10 balance \$1106.00, park expenses first aid kit, safety glasses and gas \$52.84. Request for funding to have winter maintenance on blower, weed wacker and chain saw.

Motion made to accept treasurer's report as presented and funding for the winter maintenance on the blower, weed wacker and chain saw up to \$400.00 made by Commissioner Higley, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.

- Old Business
 - Lake Restoration – Commissioner Kean presented two proposals for the DEP grant he received from Dr. Stephen Souza, Princeton Hydro and Shadel Environmental, LLC. Discussion on proposals, evaluation, pros and cons and costs of each. Each of the commissioners voted their choice for acceptance: Kane-Shadel, Higley-Shadel, Lau-Shadel, Daley-Shade, Kean-Shadel, Jewell-Shadel and Reilly-Shadel. Commissioner Kane reported that Joe Bellina will talk to Freehold Township in regards to the cost.

Motion to accept the Shadel Environmental, LLC proposal in the amount of \$3400.00 made by Commissioner Kean, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor

- Band Shell – Kirk Tibbet reported that half of the decking is down and in the process of piece in around the corner posts, next big step will be the roof structure. Set up date: December 30, 2017 at 9:00am.
- Projects for 2017 and beyond – Commissioner Kane reported that he had a meeting with Joe Bellina and the borough engineer and they want to move forward in putting the bridge in over the dam by next spring. Mr. Tibbett reported that he spoke with the bridge company and got information about the cost, time line and size of the bridge (5'x50'). They told him they had an express bridge option for one that was a little bigger (6.2'x50') and a little more expensive but that they would meet the price. It is steel with wood decking. Discussion of Borough covering costs, and contacting DEP, Township engineer and County engineer. Kirk has volunteer to supervise the project. New project for next year – parking lot.
- New Business – Nothing at this time.
- Commissioner's Reports
 - Commissioner Higley – Reported that the Born to Run Race hosted approximately 4-500 runners, trails where cleared and it was a good event.
 - Commissioner Kean – Requested doggy bags and found furniture and plywood in the woods. He will approach Tom Cook about possible contribution from Freehold Township.
 - Commissioner Lau – Requested project ideas with dollar amounts. He received an email from Tom Cook for reappointment for a three year term as commissioner.
 - Commissioner Daley – Reported that the star gazing event planned by LLBean for December 9th was cancelled due to the cloudy/snowy weather. They have two more planned for January 6th and 13th 7-9 and will announce a makeup date for the one cancelled. He stated the combination lock works great.
 - Commissioner Jewell – Reported that there is a tree down on the Robertsville Road side of the park and that they park looked clean.
 - Commissioner Reilly – No report at this time.
- Volunteers Reports – Nothing at this time.
- Guest Reports – Billy Matthews reported that he found the lock on the front gate was open three times and requested that the branches he has been picking up be picked up by the Borough. He also stated that the row boat was back on the other side. Hank Stryker reported he likes the fishing and caught a Rainbow trout today.
- Public Comments – Nothing at this time.
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Lau, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.