

Minutes of Meeting  
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, January 20, 2016  
Borough Hall  
51 West Main Street  
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

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- Call to Order / Statement of Compliance  
Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm with the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call

Commissioners:

Present:

Roger Kane  
Christopher Kean  
Bob Higley  
Greg Jewell  
Jim Lau

Absent:

Joseph Reilly  
Ed Daley

Guest: Kirk Tibbett

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

- Review of Minutes -  
The minutes of Wednesday, November 18, 2015 were reviewed.

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

- Guest Speaker – Guest Kirk Tibbett presented a model of the proposed Band Shell to the Commission. He spoke about the size would be 16x20, standard header height, 2' off the ground, possibility of adding railings on the back and/or sides, excavation work and removal of trees. Mr. Tibbett said he would price out the costs for materials and offered his services for building the band shell. Discussion of trail area, volunteers to build, and funding.
- Correspondence – Commissioner Lau reported that he received a thank you from Applegate School PTO and a donation of \$200 for the use of the park and assistance in helping set up their 5K Race.
- Treasurer's report  
Commissioner Lau reports an ending balance for November 30, 2015 of \$7,668.89..

Motion to accept the report as presented made by Commissioner Jewell, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.

- Old Business

- Weed Maintenance – No report at this time, although it was noted that the Fish and Game Commission will be restocking the lake on April 4, 2016.
- Paddleboats – Commissioner Kean handed out printouts of information on purchasing new paddleboats. He reported that the printouts included information about costs, shipping, sizes and descriptions of each type. Discussion on securing sponsors, looking into repairing old paddleboats, how many they would like to have, renting the boats, amount of time required to maintain the boats and run a concession. Commissioner Jewell to pursue a welder to propose costs for repairing the boats and with Commissioner Kean will look for sponsorships for the boats. Commissioner Lau to check with the local Chamber of Commerce for the possibility of someone looking to start a small business.
  
- Fund Raising – See above.
- Band Shell – See above.
- Parking – Discussion to be held until next meeting.
  
- New Business –None at this time.
  
- Commissioner’s Reports
  - Commissioner Jewell – Reported that he contacted Joe Valencia and gave him the information he had requested about the history of the bench.
  - Commissioner Lau – No report at this time.
  - Commissioner Kean – No report at this time.
  - Commissioner Higley – Reported the annual Born to Run Race was a successful and well attended. It was a beautiful day and the park was in great shape. Requested that the “Authorized Vehicles Only” signs be moved over to make access to getting through gate area. He will be collecting Christmas trees for the possibility of making more fish habitats.
  
- Volunteers Reports - None at this time.
  
- Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Lau, seconded by Commissioner Higley.