

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Borough Hall
30 Mechanic Street
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

- Call to Order / Statement of Compliance Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm with the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call
Commissioners

Present:
Roger Kane
Edward Daley
Kirk Tibbett
Bob Higley
Joe Luongo
Mike Phillips

Absent:
Chris Kean
Greg Jewell

Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann

Guests: Michael DiBenedetto – Borough Liaison

- Review of minutes from January 18, 2023 and February 15, 2023.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.

- Correspondence –

- Letter from Joseph Fernando in regards to the eagles in the park along with pictures and the article from the Asbury Park Press.
- Pilot Rock correspondence for park equipment

- Treasurer's report –

- Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of March 15, 2023 of \$6,178.20, recurring monthly expenses of \$183.00 for porta san and secretarial fees and approval of purchase of barbeque grills (four units at the cost of \$267.00 each) in the amount of \$1,143.00.

Motion to accept report as presented and approval of expenses and purchase made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. All in favor.

- Commissioner Luongo spoke about applying for the Monmouth County Autoban Grant and offered to write the grant.

- Old Business

- Lake Restoration – Commissioner Kane reported that Vince Creby from Freehold Borough Engineering is working a grant proposed by Vin Gopal for restoration.
- Projects for 2023
 - Fishing Pier – Commissioner Daley reported that Steve Kislak is working on pricing everything out and once the borough budget has been approved order for pier can be placed. Commissioner Daley spoke about eliminating the kayak launch in order to help bring costs down.
 - Restoration of lake banks – No report at this time.

- Picnic Areas – Commissioner Luongo reported that the barbeque grills have been ordered and placed in the shed. The date of March 25, 2013 was set for setting up the areas with the help of the Freehold Borough DPW.
 - Website – Mike DiBenedetto spoke about sending articles on fishing, bird watching, and history to Sascha Duckenfield to be placed on the website.
- New Business –
 - The Freehold Borough Memorial Day Parade committee has invited the Commission to join in the parade.
 - Easter Son Rise services has requested use of the park for the Easter Services on April 9, 2023.
- Commissioners Reports
 - Commissioner Higley – Reported that enjoyed marching with the commission in the St. Patrick’s Day parade.
 - Commissioner Tibbett – Reported he is waiting on a quote for the cost of the BioLogs.
 - Commissioner Phillips – Reported that he observed the Borough DPW employees working at cleaning up the area near the dam. He has requested additional garbage cans.
 - Commissioner Daley – No report at this time.
 - Commissioner Luongo – Reported that he has been trying to reach Jack LaPrete to order doggy bags, he will check the shed.
- Volunteers Reports – No report at this time.
- Public Comments –
 - Mike DiBenedetto – Reported he has found the county has a grant that can be applied to the purchase of security cameras.
- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm
 Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Tibbet. All in favor.