Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Borough Hall
30 Mechanic Street
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

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- Call to Order / Statement of Compliance Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm with the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call
  Commissioners

| Present: | Absent: |
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| Roger Kane | Mike Phillips |
| Bob Higley | Edward Daley |
| Joe Luongo | |
| Chris Kean | |
| Greg Jewell | |
| Kirk Tibbett | |

  Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann
  Guests: Michael DiBenedetto, Jim Lau

- Review of minutes from December 20, 2023.

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

- Reorganization
  Nomination of officers and secretary:
  Chairman – Roger Kane
  Vice Chairman – Bob Higley
  Treasurer – Joseph Luongo
  Secretary – Lisa Tiedemann

Motion to accept the nominations for 2024 made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Tibbett. All in favor

- Correspondence –
  - Proposal sent in from Commissioner Daley for and extension and kayak launch to the EZ Dock fishing pier. Discussion of installation and funding.

- Treasurer's report –
  - Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of January 17, 2024 of $3,120.59. Approval requested for recurring monthly expenses toilet rental and secretarial services - $183.00.

  Motion to accept report as presented and approval of expenses made by Commissioner Higley, Seconded by Commissioner Tibbett. All in favor.

  Commissioner Luongo reported he has been working with Kathy Caruso of Freehold Borough to put together a report of the expenses they have incurred for in kind services provided to Lake Topanemus, which he will present to Freehold Township.

- Old Business –
    - Lake Restoration – Commissioner Jewell and volunteer Jim Lau have begun planting grasses along the lake banks near the boat launch. Weather permitting, they will continue. Documentation of restoration will be completed by Commissioner Kean. Discussion of building a boardwalk for the fishermen.
    - Projects for 2023
        - Bumpers in Parking Lot – Spring project
        - Widening parking lot entrances – Spring project
        - Structure behind Shed – Spring project
        - Bat Boxes – Spring project
        - Underbrush Clean Up – Spring project

- New Business – Nothing at this time.

- Commissioners Report-
    - Commissioner Higley -Reported he located the green metal stakes behind the shed.
    - Commissioner Kean – Reported there were a couple of trees down from the last storm. Freehold Borough Public Works staff cleaned them up and pushed the stumps to the side. A pallet is stuck in the overflow dam area and the trash near the shed has been cleaned up.
    - Commissioner Luongo – Reported that he has correspondence from Freehold Township explaining that they put in the dog waste container at the top of the trail head and that they will maintain it as well.
    - Commissioner Jewell – Stated he enjoyed doing the plantings along the lake.
    - Commissioner Tibbett – No report at this time.

- Guest Reports –
    - Mike DiBenedetto – Reported that he received correspondence from the borough detective in regards to the damages found and the cameras. Will continue if needed and put them back up in the spring and summer.
    - Jim Lau – Spoke about the dog waste containers.

- Public Comments – None

- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm
  Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Tibbett. All in favor.