Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Borough Hall
30 Mechanic Street
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

- Call to Order / Statement of Compliance Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm with the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call
  Commissioners

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

  Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann
  Guests: Michael DiBenedetto, Jim Lau. Bill Degnan

- Review of minutes from January 17, 2023.

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

- Treasurer's report –
  - Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of February 21, 2024 of $2,784.14. Approval requested for recurring monthly expenses toilet rental, secretarial services and purchase of gloves - $201.04.

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

- Correspondence –
  - Notice from Freehold Borough notifying the commission that Councilman Michael Di Bennetto will remain the borough liaison.

- Old Business –
  - Lake Restoration – Commissioner Kane reported that the commission is moving forward with the shore restoration projects, the borough of Freehold has applied for grants to help with the restoration.
  - Projects for 2023 – Spring work project days have been set up for March 9th and 23rd.
    - Bumpers in Parking Lot – Spring work project
    - Widening parking lot entrances – Spring work project
    - Structure behind Shed – Spring work project
    - Bat Boxes – Commission Jewell has volunteered to hang the boxes
    - Underbrush Clean Up – Spring work project

- New Business

- Commissioner Tibbett reported that he has put together plans for a 4'x24' boardwalk constructed with pressure treated lumber at an estimated cost of $456.00. Discussion of placement, building materials and borough's assistance. Commissioner Kane stated that it was well received by the area fishermen.

- Commissioners Report-
  - Commissioner Higley – Apologized for missing meeting and will be available for the work project days.
  - Commissioner Phillips – No report at this time.
  - Commissioner Tibbet - Stated that the black benches placed at the waters edge need to be removed.
  - Commissioner Luongo – Reported that A-Top took down the tree that had fallen and another harvester removed the logs.
  - Commissioner Jewell – Reported that Robertsville Road had been blocked off and he saw someone on the pole putting up what looked like a camera over the Robertsville Road parking lot.

- Guest Reports –
  - Mike DiBenedetto – Reported that he spoke with Tom Cook in regards to the cameras on Robertsville Road parking lot, he was told Pete Vallese would come back to the commission with a plan.
  - Jim Lau – Questioned if the tractor in the shed has been serviced.
  - Bill Degnan – Nothing at this time.

- 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.