Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

Wednesday, June 19, 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	Mike Phillips
Joe Luongo	
Chris Kean	
Kirk Tibbett	
Greg Jewell	

  Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann
  Guests: Bill Degnan, Jim Lau, Jack and members of the Side Minder Band

- Review of minutes from May 15, 2024.

Motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Tibbet. All in favor. Abstain: Greg Jewell

- Treasurer's report –
  - Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of June 19, 2024 of $1,283.08. Approval requested for recurring monthly expenses toilet rental $266.00, and secretarial services $50.00 - $316.00.

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

- Correspondence
  - Commissioner Kean reported on an email he received from Tom Cook in reference to the financial support from Freehold Township which will start next month, Monmouth County will receive delivery of the weed harvester in the fall and will be starting at Lake Topanemus, an incident at the Robertsville entrance where a neighbor was attached involving police response and complaints of the trash receptacles.

- Guest Speakers – Jack spoke about looking for a venue for a concert on July 13, 2024 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm and are looking to make a community of music. They will supply flyers, promoter, security, and ticket sales. No food or alcohol will be served, and alcohol will not be permitted. They usually draw a crowd of approximately 100 people. Discussion about security, open park and can not stop people from visiting, rental costs, signage for parking, and cleanup.

Motion to accept the rental of the park for the band made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor.

- Old Business –
    - Lake Restoration – Commissioner Kane reported Monmouth County will receive delivery of the weed harvester in the fall and will use Lake Topanemus as a practice run.
    - Projects for 2023 –
        - Lake Banks – Discussion if plantings should wait until complete.
        - Bumpers in Parking Lot – Waiting for mark outs to complete
        - Widening parking lot entrances – Will take place when bumpers are placed.
        - Underbrush Clean Up – Commissioner Kane reported contact has been made with the Monmouth County Probation Office to request a volunteer.
        - Clean Up Day scheduled for June 22, 2024 at 9:00am

- New Business –
    - Commissioner Kane reported the Freehold Borough DPW will begin cutting the new grass.
    - Fishing pier needs to be looked at for possible danger to small children, suggested using black fencing on the bottom half of the railings
    - Tree cutting in the area designated by Bill Brash -forester consultant for Freehold Borough has begun.
    - Contacted by Freehold Subaru representative Marlyn Rogara who stated they would like to start supporting the park with volunteers for clean-up and a donation.
    - Living Springs Church requested use of the park on Sunday September 1, 2024 at 8:00am for services.

  Motion made to allow the use of the park for Living Springs Church made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Higley. All in favor

- Commissioners Report-
    - Commissioner Higley -No report at this time.
    - Commissioner Kean – Reported on coyotes in the park and warned people to beware.
    - Commissioner Tibbett -No report at this time.
    - Commissioner Luongo – Stated the Borough of Freehold will purchase additional garbage receptacles. Asked for volunteers to assist him with a booth at the Freehold Township Day on July 13, 2024 from 3:00pm-9:00pm.
    - Commissioner Jewell – Reported that he sold a bench to Samantha Kates as a gift for her boyfriend.

- Guest Reports –
    - Jim Lau – Reported that he repaired the back door of the shed as it appeared someone had tried to break in.
    - Bill Degnan – Reported that he spoke with a woman who was assisting a child with autism about the Communication Board which will be put up soon, she was very excited.

- Public Comments – None

- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm
  Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Luongo, seconded by Commissioner Jewell. All in favor.