Minutes of Meeting
Lake Topanemus Park Commission

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

- Call to Order / Statement of Compliance Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Roll Call
  Commissioners

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

  Secretary: Lisa Tiedemann
  Guests: Volunteers Bill Degnan, Jim Lau

- Review of minutes from July 17, 2024.
  Commissioner Luongo made a minor correction to the minutes, correcting the date of the on site wedding to July 27, and moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.

- Correspondence
  - Commissioner Kane deferred to Commissioner Luongo regarding only piece of correspondence. Commissioner Kane was notified of a family reunion request for a rental on September 14th or 15th and asked Commissioner Luongo to follow up. Commissioner Luongo reported that he had been in touch with the proposed renter and provided to her the necessary documentation to forward to the Commission.

- Treasurer's report –
  - Commissioner Luongo reported a balance as of August 21, 2024 of $3,591.13, income $102.51 and expenses $93.06, which included secretarial expense of $50.00 and $53.94 for a boat chain. He asked for approval for the boat chain, $149.99 for pet waste bags and monthly secretarial expense. Approval was granted, motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Daley and seconded by Commissioner Phillips.

    Roger thanked the Commission for their contributions to Olde Freehold Day. Jim Lau sent a letter of appreciation to the Major in charge of Colt's Neck JROTC.

- Old Business
  - Lake Restoration – Volunteer Lau mentioned that after the tractor is sold, he would clean up the shed. Until that time he and Commissioner Jewell will continue their planting along the shore. He has about 30 more plants left and will reach the paddle boat launch.
  - Projects for 2024

- Cutting up the log on the far side of the lake and using it as a bulkhead. Commissioner Kane spoke to Mike Lithgow and plan is to use a tractor on Commissioner Phillips property. Discussed various methods of doing so. Date settled on September 9.
- Restoration of lake banks – Commissioner Kean asked about the reports of pipes pouring into the lake. No reported information.
- Benches – Commissioner Kane stated Volunteer Ed Kunken volunteered to anchor lighter memorial benches with anchor he ordered.

- New Business – Reviewed work dates
  Commissioner Kane proposed purchase of boat with weed cutter @$3400.00.

- Commissioners Reports
  - Commissioner Kean – Nothing to report at this time. Offered praise to the Commission for their work on OFD.
  - Commissioner Tibbett– Reported that Bob Lithgow had a complaint from a woman who couldn't push her stroller past the bollards on the pedestrian bridge. Suggested extending the asphalt path to the end of the guard rail. He also suggested tripling the size of the proposed boardwalk.
  - Commissioner Phillips – Nothing to report at this time.
  - Commissioner Daley – Reported on phone call from Ed Kunken regarding toxicity of what is floating on the lake. Commissioner Daley assured him of Princeton Hydro's report.
  - Commissioner Luongo – Suggested program to utilize other downed trees as biologs for lake restoration.

- Volunteers Reports –
  Volunteer Lau reported on an additional lock placed on inside Pond Rd. gate that Commissioner Tibbet had to cut off.

- Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm
  Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Tibbet, seconded by Commissioner Daley. All in favor.