

Minutes of the Meeting of June 10, 2014

Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue
Oxford, New Jersey 07863

Members Present:	Raymond Tobaygo John Halmi David Detrick	William Hann Charles Fineran
Members Absent:	Michael Helbing	Matthew Davis
Others Present:	David K. Dech, Director WC Planning Department Peter Tenewicz, Resident of Brookfield Development	
Staff:	Corey Tierney and Sue Beall	

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Vice Chair Detrick. This meeting was held at the office of the Department of Land Preservation, 500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue, Oxford, New Jersey.

The Introductory Statement and roll call were read into the record. Mr. Detrick then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2014, were approved on a motion by Mr. Tobaygo second by Mr. Hann. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None this evening.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

◆ Morris Canal Committee – Mr. Detrick reported that the RFP's for plans to restore the Plane 9 Turbine are due back June 19. When the plans are settled, RFP's for a contractor for the actual work will be sent out. Extensive excavation and earth moving have been completed at the Plane. There was a site meeting to discuss mulching and mowing of the recently cleared areas. Mr. Dech advised that he had received an email from Grace Messinger of NJRC & D stating that a grant for moving the Lopatcong Creek had not been approved from Fish and Wildlife. Also, Ms. Roy is making a site visit with the County Engineer to Plane 9 West on Thursday to look at the area around the tailrace so that study can be completed to determine how much earth needs to be moved from the front of the tailrace. Mr. Tenewicz inquired whether or not the garage at the top

of the driveway is to be demolished. Mr. Detrick advised that that is what the Master Plan shows.

◆ Trails – In Mr. Helbing’s absence, Mr. Tierney reported that a meeting was held with Jane Bullis of Merrill Creek Reservoir regarding using their trails as part of the Warren Highlands Trail. Ms. Bullis stated that they are happy to do this and that they would even have their interns blaze portions of the trail running through Merrill Creek.

◆ Public Awareness: WC Preservation Day had a fair turnout and the weather was great. Mr. Tierney is looking into having Preservation Day next year at Rutherford Hall, then the following year moving to another site that has had benefit of MCCTFC grant money to highlight the applicants. Mr. Tierney has been in touch with Amy Hufnagel at Rutherford Hall and Mr. Fineran will forward the name of their events coordinator to Mr. Tierney to make sure the date next year is available. The BCF issued a proclamation recognizing June as National Great Outdoors Month. Tonight the BORO will issue a similar proclamation. Mr. Hann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fineran, to endorse the BORO Proclamation as submitted. Motion carried. In observance of National Great Outdoors Month, the Youth Corps will clear the trail at Port Murray from Hoffman Road down to Terra Cotta Road on Saturday, June 7. On Friday, June 6, late in the afternoon, Mr. Helbing will lead a hike on a portion of the Warren Highlands trail. The Health Department is sponsoring an event at Lopatcong Municipal Park on June 21. Also on June 21, Allamuchy Township is having the opening of their section of the Lehigh and Hudson Rails to Trails. Mr. Tenewicz stated his interest and wanted to know what is planned for the future. There are no immediate plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

◆ Acquisition and Status of Projects – Copies of sections of the map for the Morris Canal Priority Acquisition List were distributed and Mr. Tierney reported that he had met with Kathy Rorick, representative of the owners of the property behind Phillipsburg Mall, Pohatcong Township, Block 1, Lot 1 and Lopatcong Township, Block 102, Lot 9. A lengthy discussion of the pros and cons followed. Mr. Hann made a motion, second by Mr. Tobaygo, to recommend that Mr. Tierney obtain appraisals on the property in question. Motion carried unanimously. The first set of appraisals has been received on O’Dowd. North Central Realty is still working with the solar company, and it is being appraised now. Route 57 Partners closed May 15. A letter has been sent to Janeco however there are a number of issues and there will be no Green Acres participation. Nothing has been heard from the Crouses since we were notified that he was very ill in the hospital. Woo contracts for appraisals are on the BCF agenda for June 11. Various buffers have been discussed (vegetative). We are under contract with Handlos and will try to close as soon as possible. Nothing has been heard from Read. Mr. Tierney has spoken with the attorney for the Pool estate as well as Mr. Lavery, they are waiting to learn about COAH. Independence Land Holdings is on the BCF Agenda for approval. Mr. Tierney and Mr. Krouse went out on the Jonestown Road property attempting to come up with alternate choices to present to the town. Appraisals are underway on Terhune.

Maintenance – A meeting was held at Stryker’s Road with Mrs. Roy; Mr. Tierney; Mr. Gleba, the County Engineer; Mr. Dech and the Greenwich Township Engineer to discuss drainage

problems in the area. Mrs. Roy is also working on plans for a parking area. Another meeting was held at Plane 9 West to discuss the historic site plan. RFP's are going out soon for the tailrace work and the shoring up of the turbine pit. The Youth Corps will be discussing mulching the property with Mr. Lee, Jr. Mr. Van Sickle will begin the excavating on the upper portion of the plane. The trail easement at White Lake is moving forward. Mr. Krouse is working with GPS for the best placement of the trail. The map of Florence W. Kuipers Memorial Park has been completed. Mrs. Roy is working on design for a parking area to be added. These trails have not been named and this will be discussed with Fish and Wildlife. Some neighbors of Oxford Mountain have once again been experiencing water problems; particularly those on Dogwood Terrace and Hillside Terrace. Mr. Tierney continues to inform them that they need to work with the municipality.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Warren County Preservation Day was previously discussed, as were other topics listed under this category.

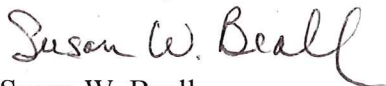
PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nothing this evening

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Fineran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tobaygo. ^{JC Detrick} ~~Chairman Helbing~~ adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by,



Susan W. Beall