

**WARREN COUNTY
BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS**

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue, PO Box 179
Oxford, NJ 07863

**June 12, 2018
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: David Detrick opened the meeting at 5:20 p.m., read the Open Public Meeting Notice, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: John Halmi, David Detrick, Charles Fineran, Raymond Tobaygo

Members Absent: Matthew Davis, Michael Helbing, William Hann

Guests: Elizabeth Roy

Staff: Corey Tierney, Christina Roberts

MINUTES: The April 10, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Mr. Halmi to approve the minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Morris Canal Committee

- July 15th is the 100-Year commemorative event for Jim Lee, Sr. at Plane 9.
- June 9th - ParkFest was a great success.

Port Colden Maintenance - Mr. Davis had an issue with the neighbor (formerly Handlos) - the neighbor had a truck parked in front of the parking lot, so he parked under the electric pole up top. The neighbor across the street started yelling, so he had to move. Mr. Davis, via email, suggested that the property line be determined and marked, request that the new neighbors not to park there, and/or cut back the trees along the driveway to make the lane wider to pass.

On a separate occasion, both Mr. Davis and Frank Allen, a volunteer from the Parks Foundation, were verbally confronted by a woman that lives in neighboring house of the Handlos property.

Once the property lines are determined and marked, letters can be sent out to neighbors. If the verbal abuse continues, the authorities will be notified. The site will continue to be improved, but will not be open to the public until there is a through connection to Port Murray, unless it is a scheduled and supervised visitation/event.

Port Murray Preserve - County Counsel is working with the Mansfield Police to determine if the town should adopt an ordinance regarding enforcement within the park. There is a question of jurisdiction.

OLD BUSINESS

Administrator's Report

- Barcellona/Barish - The mother of the applicant has a life estate, so appraisals are on hold. Mr. Tierney needs to follow-up with the applicant.

- Stull/Noel - Market analysis reports were sent to SADC. One appraiser determined that there would be no diminution of value being in the Pohatcong Valley Groundwater contamination area and the other said it would be minimal, if at all. Intent is to have trail and public access easement on Stull and then put Noel property in Farmland Preservation.
- Singley - Signed contract has been received.
- Albulescu - Signed contract has not been received, but they are still moving forward. Requested signed contract again. Survey and environmental reports have been ordered.
- Crouse - Highlands grant covering 50% and being preserved as farmland. Not willing to sell trail easement, but excepted that area out for possible future acquisition.

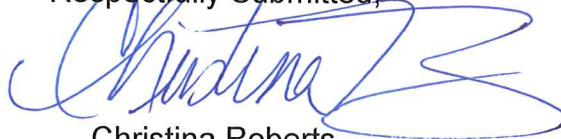
Maintenance

- Gravel Towpaths - Mr. Tierney said the gravel towpaths at O'Dowd and Strykers Road will need spring and fall maintenance, such as spraying to keep weeds down and removal of debris. Periodic resurfacing may be needed due to drainage and erosion from run-off, but Mr. Tierney will look into the schedule other counties follow and monitor the surface.
- Tree Removal - Several ash trees were removed from the Oxford Mountain property line off Academy Road. We also received an estimate from Tree King for another property on Mine Hill Road, but asked the forester to take a look at the trees to see if they were all in need of removal.
- White Lake Dock - The estimate from KLC Dock & Waterfront was distributed for review. The dock is expected to cost \$17,126.00 and Hardwick Township has offered to contribute \$5,000 towards the expense.
- Bread Lock Park Barn Siding - Mr. Detrick inquired about the siding project. Mr. Tierney received an estimate of the square feet of siding needed and will look into the repairs recommended by the architect. The county may be able to purchase the siding and then put the installation out to bid and sourcing the other materials needed. Specifications will need to be developed for the project.
- ParkFest - Ms. Roy thanked everyone for their help. Mr. Tierney commended Ms. Roy for all her hard work and for making ParkFest a successful event.
- QR Codes - Ms. Roy contacted the developer of the QR Code project about an audio tour and will be seeking audio files for the canal sites.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Mr. Tobaygo motioned, seconded by Mr. Fineran to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Roberts
Administrative Clerk