Minutes of the Meeting of July 8, 2014

Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue Oxford, New Jersey 07863

Members Present:

Raymond Tobaygo

William Hann

John Halmi

Charles Fineran

David Detrick
Matthew Davis (arrived 5:15 PM)

Michael Helbing

Members Absent:

None

Staff:

Corey Tierney and Sue Beall

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Helbing. 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. Helbing then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2014, were approved, as corrected, on a motion by Mr. Fineran, second by Mr. Hann. Motion carried. Mr. Helbing abstained.

Correction: Page 2, last paragraph, should read "Mr. Detrick adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM."

CORRESPONDENCE:

None this evening.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

♦ Morris Canal Committee – Mr. Detrick reported that there was a site visit at the Brickyard. A pathway should be created across the property to give closer access to the canal at some later date. The parking area looked good, although there was some brush that needed to be picked up. Visitors at the museum have been increasing. Today there were 50 kids from a day camp visiting and an antique car group is expected in the near future. Plane 9 West has also had groups of visitors. The RFP for the turbine pit has to be re-advertised. The Engineering Department has done some surveying to determine where water will exit the tailrace. Mr. Dech, Mr. Detrick and Mrs. Roy met with Stan Shrek, the town engineer for Phillipsburg. The development (the Riverview Project) along the river that encroaches on the canal is once again becoming active. Work is being done to make sure that there is public access through the development.

- ♦ Trails A lot of clearing has been done at Marble Hill. This has been an extremely good growing year for invasive. The opening in the trail down to Belvidere Road is experiencing much more usage. Corn growing on the Geiger property is obscuring the blazes. Mr. Helbing wishes to meet with Washington Township to determine where trails will be placed in the Roaring Rock area. Mr. Helbing has been emailing with David Brickly, chairman of the 9/11 Memorial Trail. They are coming up with a system to connect the Trade Center, the Pennsylvania site of the plane crash and the Pentagon.
- ♦ Public Awareness There have been recent articles in the media regarding renewing State funding and bills in the house being shot down.

OLD BUSINESS:

♦ Acquisition and Status of Projects – Mr. Tierney advised that he has spoken with the surveyor and hopes to close Mann by the end of the month. Appraisals have been received on O'Dowd. Handlos is under contract. Nothing has been heard from Crouse. Mr. Tierney is waiting to hear from Mr. Lavery on Pool. Independence Land Holdings has been approved by the Freeholders and the contract has been sent to the owners for signing. There has been no response to correspondence from Janecko. Appraisals are being prepared on Svenningsen's property and also on Terhune. There is nothing new at this time on the Jonestown Road property.

Maintenance – New Jersey Youth Corps has cleared again from Hart's Lane up to the Brickyard. They have also cleared the small parking area on Cherry Tree Bend Road. The repairs to the Cole barn supervised by Michael Margulies is on the agenda for the Freeholders for tomorrow night (July 9). There are no updates on the parking areas at Stryker's Road or Florence Kuipers Park. Fish & Wildlife have okayed a few changes in the trails at Kuipers and have some questions on other proposed trails. There will be an on-site meeting with Mim Dunne.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nothing this evening

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Fineran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tobaygo. Chairman Helbing adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Submitted by, Susan W. Beall

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