

**WARREN COUNTY  
BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS**

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**July 14, 2020  
Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Helbing opened the meeting at 5:06 p.m., read the Open Public Meeting Notice, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** David Detrick, Michael Helbing, Charles Fineran, John Halmi, William Hann

**Guests:** Al Hardenbergh, Andrew Hardenbergh

**Staff:** Corey Tierney, Elizabeth Roy, Christina Roberts

**MINUTES:** The March 10, 2020 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Mr. Halmi to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Bread Lock Park Fitness Trail** – Andrew Hardenbergh was referred to Ms. Roy for the rehabilitation of the Bread Lock Park Fitness Trail as an Eagle Scout project. Most of the stations require the same types of repairs. Mr. Hardenbergh estimates approximately one month to complete the project and the cost range is \$1,000 to \$1,200. However, most or all of money will be donated for the project. Mr. Fineran inquired if the scouts run short on funds if the Board can donate funds. If needed, the Board or Parks Foundation could donate funds towards the project. Mr. Hann motioned, seconded by Mr. Fineran to approve Mr. Hardenbergh's Eagle Scout project as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Detrick motioned, seconded Mr. Fineran to have an activity description and difficulty level included at each site. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Partial license transfer correspondence from JCP&L was distributed for review. There is no action required.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**Warren Heritage Scenic Byway**

There have not been any updates on gravel pull-off in Asbury. The Road Dept. is a few months behind in work. Mr. Detrick will inquire with Troy Van Syckle to see how much it costs to have him deliver the gravel and spread it.

**Morris Canal Committee**

The Canal Committee will likely be formally moved over to the Department of Land Preservation, as Ms. Roy has been transferred to Land Preservation.

Bilby Road Bridge – The Bridge Dept. did some clearing, created access and the staging area where the power line right of way goes through so the bridge can be installed soon.

Virtual Tours - The Canal Committee will likely want to work with the Parks Foundation to develop a plan for interpretation of Port Murray and Port Colden. With new restrictions in place, Ms. Roy would like to focus on virtual tours to connect people to the sites.

Mr. Helbing noted that there are no trespassing signs posted on the canal greenway at the new development off Route 22. Public access is part of the agreement and there are recorded easements, so this should be cleared up fairly easily.

Park Shutdown - Mr. Helbing expressed his concerned with the inability of the county to police the parks during the statewide shutdown. Mr. Tierney discussed several issues the Department has dealt with recently at the parks.

NJ Youth Corps - The full-time employees with the Youth Corps were still maintaining parks, even when classes were not able to be held.

#### **Trail Committee**

Marble Hill - Mr. Helbing reported on the trail work needed at Marble Hill. It has gotten overgrown and the washout areas have gotten worse. There has also been a lot of ATV use. The informational panel at the seasonal overlook was also destroyed. Mr. Detrick said the sign was parks of a National Parks Grant through the Planning Department.

Geiger Tract - Mr. Helbing suggested researching the installation of a pond as a wetland restoration project; Lopatcong Creek Initiative might be interested in partnering as well.

#### **Metal Detecting Permit Request**

The Department received an inquiry regarding metal detector use at various county parks. County Administration prohibits metal detector use at Garret D. Wall Park. Mr. Detrick is not in favor of permitting the activity unless there is a clear protocol in place. Mr. Detrick motioned, seconded by Mr. Fineran to deny the request for metal detecting at County Parks, but for the Board to look into developing procedures that may allow for it in the future. Motion carried.

Trevor's Landscaping Estimates – Arborvitae are starting to come back, so Mr. Tierney suggested they be left alone for now and see if they recover. Ms. Roy suggest that the trees be fed now and wrapped in burlap over winter. Paying for fertilizer now is cheaper than paying for new trees in the future. Mr. Hann motioned, seconded by Mr. Detrick to reject the proposals from Tevor's Landscaping and proceed with Ms. Roy's suggestions. Motion carried.

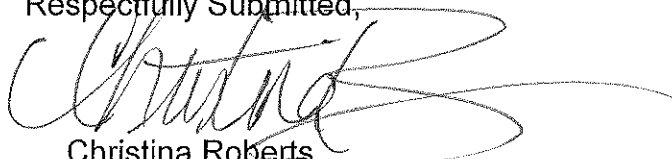
Covid-19 Update – Offices at full staff starting next week, but still closed to public.

Mr. Hann wanted to note that he is very happy that Ms. Roy is now with the Department of Land Preservation.

**NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Mr. Hann motioned, seconded by Mr. Fineran to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Roberts  
Administrative Clerk