

**WARREN COUNTY
BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS**

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**August 14, 2018
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: Michael Helbing opened the meeting at 5:09 p.m., read the Open Public Meeting Notice, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: David Detrick, Charles Fineran, Raymond Tobaygo, Matthew Davis, Michael Helbing, William Hann

Guests: Elizabeth Roy, Bob Canace, Matt Brunner-Brown, Andrew Leidich

Staff: Corey Tierney, Christina Roberts

MINUTES: The July 10, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Tobaygo motioned, seconded by Mr. Hann to approve the minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

White Lake Dock

The dock should be delivered any day now and will need to be assembled and installed. Hardwick Township has increased their contribution towards the dock to \$7,500.

Mr. Canace requested the Board's support that no chairs, aside from wheelchairs, be permitted on the boat launch area or dock. Benches will be installed on the dock and the Shandor bench will be moved to a better location for people to use. It is intended that the dock only be used for fishing and kayaking.

Mohican Farm/Young's Pond Property

Mr. Canace said Ridge & Valley Conservancy made an offer and are waiting to hear back. RVC has numerous financial backers for the acquisition, such as municipal open space funds, the Victoria Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, Green Acres, William Penn Foundation, and NJ Conservation Foundation.

Acquisition of the property would lessen the burden on White Lake. Fly fishing, lake fishing, and pond fishing would be available. Several open fields would be great for multi-use. The land steward would stay in the house to assist with surveillance.

Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Mr. Tobaygo to recommend Ridge & Valley Conservancy work with Mr. Tierney to develop a proposal that includes the County's financial commitment toward the acquisition and what the projected management agreement with RVC would include. The proposal would then be presented to the Board for their endorsement, prior to presenting it to the Freeholders. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Morris Canal Committee

- A small bus tour is being planned for the fall. A portion of the tour will include some walking.
- The Engineering Office requested letters of support from the Department of Land Preservation and the Board of Recreation Commissioners for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application that, if awarded, would be used to offset the cost of the new, proposed two-lane bridge at Plane 9/Port Warren. If there is a funding shortfall, the Engineer's Office may approach the Board for funding towards the bridge. Mr. Detrick motioned, seconded by Mr. Hann to endorse the grant application and provide a letter of support. Motion carried.

- Stewarts Hunt - Mr. Helbing asked if there were any updates on Stewarts Hunt. Mr. Tierney said that existing properties on either side need to be improved and have a maintenance plan before the Board can support the opening of another section.
- Plane 9 Conservation Easement - New owners purchased property on Curtis Court in June and have been doing some excavation in the conservation easement area. The property owner said they are intending to install a swing set within the conservation easement area and requested permission to proceed since it is not a permanent structure. Mr. Hann motioned, seconded by Mr. Tobaygo to prohibit the installation of the swing set within the conservation easement area. Motion carried. Mr. Detrick suggested that the vegetative buffer of evergreen trees, in consultation with the Park Enhancement Plan proposed by Wild Ridge Plants be installed as soon as possible.

Trails

- Dave Mashburn has been continuing to keep the Marble Hill area clear. Mr. Detrick asked if any equipment is needed to help maintain Marble Hill. Mr. Helbing will check with Mr. Mashburn and report back.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session

Mr. Tobaygo motioned, seconded by Mr. Fineran to enter Executive Session at 6:21 pm to discuss the Logothetis property. Motion carried.

Mr. Tobaygo motioned, seconded by Mr. Hann to exit Executive Session at 6:39 pm. Motion carried.

Mr. Hann motioned, seconded by Mr. Fineran to accept Mr. Logothetis's counteroffer of \$599,000 to acquire both lots, with Mr. Detrick in opposition. Motion carried.

Permit Requests

First United Methodist Church of Blairstown submitted a permit request for April 21, 2019 for their Easter Sunrise Service at White Lake. Mr. Tobaygo motioned, seconded by Mr. Hann to approve the permit request. Motion carried.

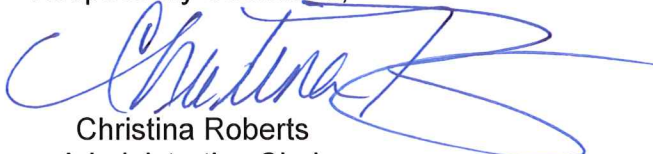
A yoga instructor submitted a permit request to provide free yoga classes (weather permitting) at Bread Lock Park with a suggested donation. The Board was concerned that the donation would go back to the instructor and be considered a commercial activity, but if she worked with a non-profit agency and the donations went to the non-profit, it would be permissible. It was suggested that if the activity is approved (pending further information), she would need to reapply for the permit yearly.

In the Kitchen Catering submitted a permit request to hold wedding ceremonies at Bread Lock Park. The Board agreed that individual couples (not a business), can apply to have their wedding ceremonies at Bread Lock Park and will need to add a rider/endorsement on their homeowners' policy for the day.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Mr. Tobaygo motioned, seconded by Mr. Fineran to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Christina Roberts
Administrative Clerk