

**WARREN COUNTY
BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS**

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue, PO Box 179
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**October 10, 2017
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Davis opened the meeting at 5:08 p.m., read the Open Public Meeting Notice, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Michael Helbing, William Hann

Staff: Corey Tierney, Christina Roberts

MINUTES: The August 15, 2017 and September 12, 2017 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Tobaygo motioned, seconded by Mr. Halmi to approve the August minutes, as presented with Mr. Fineran abstaining. Motion carried. Mr. Fineran motioned, seconded by Mr. Tobaygo to approve the September minutes, as presented with Mr. Davis abstaining. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Morris Canal Committee

- Fall bus tour was full. Gina Rosseland from the Canal Committee provided the interpretation on the bus this time.
- Plane 9/Port Warren - Engineers are researching ways to rehabilitate and preserve the artifacts in the tailrace and turbine chamber.
- TruckFest at OK4WD is this Sunday and the musician will be set-up in the barn.

Trail Committee

- Mr. Davis attended the Highlands Trail meeting at Pequest. Any vandalism on the trails should be reported to 1(800) WARN-DEP; they are starting to get state and municipal police support.
- Mr. Helbing was unable to attend tonight's meeting, because he is presenting to the Sierra Club on the Warren Highlands Trail and other county parks/trails.

Public Awareness

- The Volunteer Recognition Breakfast was Friday, September 29th. The event went really well and all of the Freeholders were in attendance. Next year, the event may be held in the evening or on a weekend so more people (who work or go to school) can attend.

NEW BUSINESS

- NJTPA TAP Grant - If awarded the grant, trail reconstruction on various sections of the Morris Canal Greenway would be funded.
- Girl Scout Project - A Girl Scout troop sent the Department a letter - they are interested in scheduling a group project at Florence Kuipers Park in mid-May 2018, along the Morris Canal. Mr. Tierney will contact them to find out more what the group is interested and capable of doing and possibly coordinate something with the Parks Foundation, if they'll need any help with the project.
- Mohawk Canoe Club - The Musconetcong Watershed Association requested a letter of support from the Department for a grant they are applying for to redo the canoe trail guide. May be a good resource for Warren County canoe trails to promote recreation.

OLD BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Acquisition Updates:

- Hentenaar (formerly Santos/Foley) - Mr. Tierney met with the landowner and they are interested in discussing their options. The property has previously been approved by the Board for appraisal under the former name.
- Pool Property - Mr. Tierney contacted the new owner of the property, but they have been playing phone tag.
- Ferrara - Landowner thinks the canal is included in the property, so he is going to provide more information. If the canal is included, the Board can revisit their interest in the property.
- Albulescu - Mr. Detrick noted that if the property is acquired, it would be an added stop on the canal bus tour, due to the uniqueness of the property. It appears that there is also municipal property nearby that could potentially be connected to.

Maintenance:

- O'Dowd - Stairs are being installed off Richline Road. Mowing at the site will be included as part of NJ Youth Corps regular maintenance. The next step is to work towards connecting the trail to Bread Lock Park.
- Bread Lock Park Barn - Mr. Tierney spoke to the Department of Public Works Director regarding the cost of supplies for the cedar siding of the barn, which he estimated to be approximately \$200,000. Mr. Detrick suggested getting a quote from contractor, Chip Pfeiffer.
- Parks Foundation Equipment - The Parks Foundation will be purchasing maintenance equipment for volunteers to use on County Parkland around the Hackettstown area.

White Lake Hunting Map - An updated hunting map was provided for bow hunting. The hunting area will be increased due to the decrease in buffer needed for bow hunting versus shotgun.

Municipal & Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee (MCCTFC) - Mr. Fineran noted that two open space properties were awarded MCCTFC funding this year. Bobcat Ridge in Hardwick Township and Shabbecong Mountain Preserve in Washington Borough.

Mohican Farm Associates - Mr. Tierney asked the Board to let him know if they are interested in visiting the property. Appraisals on the property should be underway soon.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, Mr. Tobaygo motioned, seconded by Mr. Halmi to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christina Roberts
Administrative Clerk