

**WARREN COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS**  
500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue, PO Box 179  
Oxford, NJ 07863  
**November 1, 2022**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Helbing called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM, read the Open Public Meeting Notice, Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** John Halmi, Bill Hann, Charlie Fineran, Mike Helbing

**Staff:** Elizabeth Roy, Jennifer Correa-Kruegel

**Public:** Dave Detrick, Beth Hehn

**MINUTES:** The October 11, 2022 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Hann motioned, seconded by Mr. Fineran to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Roy introduced Ms. Hehn who is a trustee with the Warren County Parks Foundation stepping into Judy Keith's role. She is from Hackettstown and interested in learning more about how things are structured for Warren County Parks.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**Morris Canal Committee/Warren Heritage Scenic Byway**

Morris Canal Committee-

Mr. Detrick said that there will be a Morris Canal Committee meeting on November 14. There's been a lot of progress at Plane 9 with new signage and benches around the path. Also, some work has been done at Plane 10, trail marked and cleared out.

The Morris Canal Committee in conjunction with the Park Foundation will be setting up events to get to know the parks better.

Mr. Fineran motioned that the Board of Recreation support the Park Foundation and Morris Canal Committee events. Mr. Halmi seconded. Motion carries.

Warren Heritage Scenic Byway –

Mr. Detrick reported that the upcoming meeting was canceled because they are still waiting on a response from the state to extend it to the north and south. So no sense in having a meeting until they have that information.

Trail Committee-

Mr. Helbing reported had a successful walks and maintenance with the Youth Corps. Mr. Muckle of the Youth Corps will continue to do service in the areas as an educational opportunity for the corps members. Additionally, the Youth Corps has been assisting with clean-up on illegal dumping. There

has been some issues with illegal dumping in the area. Part of the problem is when people take a large or rented vehicle to remove bedding or furniture, they are turned away because they are considered commercial.

Mr. Helbing also reported that he will be conducting a 1<sup>st</sup> Day Hike and try to get other groups involved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Roy reported that there was a request from a family member of Florence Kuipers. Florence Kuiper's sister passed away and the family would like to plant a memorial tree at the trailhead on Harvey Street. Mr. Fineran motioned to support a Florence Kuipers Memorial Tree. Mr. Hann seconded. Motion carries.

Ms. Roy reported that the fire department has requested an extension of the landing area at White Lake. It was suggested that instead of cutting back the meadow to instead remove the willow trees at the edge of the lot that. John Parke/Audubon supported this suggestion. Mr. Helbing questioned if it would undermine the lot and why the landing area was there and not across the street at Vass Farmstead. Ms. Kruegel pointed out that that was for overflow parking. Mr. Hann motioned to clear the willows to expand the landing area. Mr. Fineran seconded. Mr. Helbing passed the motion with reservations.

Ms. Roy mentioned that this weekend is the History Trail weekend and thanked everyone involved.

There is a Save the Date for Saturday, January 28, 2023 for a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. Place to be determined.

Mr. Hann inquired if the commissioners had approved the barn residing at Bread Lock Park. Ms. Roy said that the low bid was accepted and they are hoping to get started on that project very soon.

Ms. Kruegel reported that Land Preservation would be organizing a park tour on Saturday, November 19 and the new Environmental Advisory Board, Park Foundation and the Board of Recreation are invited to attend. There will be an email sent out soon.

**Administrator's Report:**

Ms. Roy reported on behalf of Mr. Tierney.

Mr. Hann inquired about Janecko property. Ms. Roy had nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Mr. Hann motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Halmi, to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Correa-Kruegel  
Community Service Aide