



Barnes Wildlife Preserve Commission

216 Amboy Avenue, Metuchen NJ 08840

Barnes Commission Meeting Minutes June 12, 2025

Opening at 7:15 PM with Dorothy reading the Sunshine Notice

Roll call - Dorothy Giamboi, Walter Stochel, Tom Walsh, Charles Tomaro, Ken Sammond. Absent: Rob Bengivenga and Bob Spiegel.

Guests: John Wiley, Pete Fairclough, Brian Weeks, Tariq Alisammond, Haniya Alisammond

Minutes

- Approval of February 2025 Minutes – Walter made a motion and Tom seconded. All said aye.
- Approval of April 2025 minutes – Walter made a motion, Tom seconded. All said aye.

Public comment

- Tariq Alisammond discussed his Eagle Scout project, proposing to build a kiosk at the entryway to the Songbird Trail and/or at the Opanie Trail and to make suitable improvements to complement the kiosk. The kiosk will include relevant maps, information about the preserve and commission, as well as other documents.

Committee reports

- a. Treasurer's Report - \$83,276.20
- b. Stewardship Report - No updates
- c. Website progress– Ken reported that the website will go "live" in July 2025 after final content updates. He stated that the website includes three email addresses: for the chair, secretary, and for a general info.

Consent agenda resolutions:

- Resolution to approve the retainer agreement and pay retainer with new lawyer, John Kwasnik. Ken made a motion to approve. Walter seconded. All said aye.
- Resolution to pay balance owed to the Ionic.net, the website developer. Walter made a motion to pay the balance. Ken seconded the motion. All said aye.
- New business – Dorothy and Walter state that the budget has been revised and submitted to DCA for the current year with an extension to 2026.

Adjournment

- Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken seconded. All said aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.