

Borough will rebuild rock wall around Lake Lily

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CAPE MAY POINT — Commissioner Bob Mullock said the plantings have been installed around Lake Lily but the borough is not happy with the stone wall surrounding the lake.

"I had the engineer come down; I think the rock should've been rejected," Mullock said. "I think it's not properly put together."

During a Borough Com-

mission work session Dec. 17, Mullock said he asked for a re-estimate of building the wall correctly.

"They came back with a price of \$28,000, which is absurd; I said no," Mullock said. "In the spring, we're going to do it ourselves because it is not a big deal. We're not spending \$28,000 on something we can do in-house."

The rock wall could potentially be pushed over by a snow plow or the rocks could be tossed into the lake

by kids, Mullock said. "You get to the end of the project and it looks like what we want it to look like, but not correctly put together," Mullock said. "I don't want to look at that and say it makes it a bad project. It's a great project, people are loving it."

Mullock said the borough will put down a concrete face before redoing the rocks. Despite the appearance, the wall has worked and fresh water is entering the lake,

Mullock said. Mayor Bob Moffatt asked if there were plans for the existing rocks at the wall.

"There's a couple ideas I thought of, to use to help with the island and stabilize the edge or donate to people for rain gardens," Moffatt said.

Deputy Mayor Anita Van Heeswyk said the rocks cannot be donated as they were purchased with grant money, saying there are other areas in the borough where the rocks can be placed.

"More plants will be put in during the spring," Mullock said. "We're going to be able to have monarch butterflies and the next thing we're going to do is something on the island."

Mullock said they would think about introducing bees on the island.

"It's a nice, safe place and it would give the ability to cross pollinate," Mullock said. "We'll see how that comes around and we'll have a discussion on that; it

will be the next part of the project."

Bids for the Pearl/Brainard avenues projects were received and Mullock said one bid is good, leaving the borough in good shape for the project.

The commissioners presented Cape May Point resident Ed Grant with a certificate of appreciation for his service as an enthusiastic and hardworking member of the community for the past few decades.

Van Drew

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respectful."

"I thought these were wonderful bills. I mean, I thought everybody was

going to be, 'This is just a great thing.' And I had some very progressive — and not all Democrats — but these were really progressive Democrats that came to

me and said, 'We're really disgusted with you.' And I said, 'Why?' 'Making such a big deal about the flag. The flag is just not a big deal. In God We Trust is not that big deal. And you shouldn't even mention his name.' And I was shocked. We put them up anyhow, and we did what we wanted to do," Van Drew said.

Trump responded that it was a very Republican thing to do. Van Drew added he was a proponent of American exceptionalism, an idea that the U.S. is different than any other nation.

"I talk about American exceptionalism. This is the greatest country on the face of the Earth. I started out as

not a wealthy kid. Had the opportunity to work hard. Got into dental school, graduated. And, my God, I'm sitting here next to the president of the United States. That's unbelievable. That's America," Van Drew said. "So I don't want anybody to ever tell me that there isn't American exceptionalism. I don't want anybody to ever say that this is the same as every other country in the world, because it's not. It is not... And, again, from certain groups of people that represented certain parts of the party, I was criticized. And they said this country is the same as every other country and there is no such thing as American exceptionalism."

Van Drew called himself a capitalist and said socialism

"has no place in the United States of America."

"I believe that this country can afford people opportunity and give them that opportunity so that they can succeed. And we should know that as well," Van Drew said. "I love bipartisanship. Do you know that I even had times, quite frankly, being a Democrat — again, not from all folks; there's some middle-of-the-road folks — but from some of these extreme folks that they said, 'Bipartisanship is a bad thing.'"

Van Drew made the party switch official the day after the House voted on two articles of impeachment against Trump. Van Drew was one of two Democrats to vote against the articles. A third voted "present."

In October, Van Drew indicated his opposition to an impeachment inquiry, noting it would "further divide the country, tearing it apart at the seams and will ultimately fail in the Senate."

On Dec. 18, Van Drew joined Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota as the only two Democrats to vote against the abuse of power amendment, while Van Drew, Peterson and Rep. Jared Golden of Maine were the only Democrats to vote against the obstruction of Congress amendment.

Both amendments passed, making Trump the third president in U.S. history to be impeached by the House.

While Trump blasted the impeachment as a "hoax," "scam," and "witch hunt" on Twitter, he heaped praises on Van Drew.

"Congressman Jeff Van Drew is very popular in our great and very united Republican Party. It was a tribute to him that he was able to win his heavily Republican district as a Democrat. People like that are not easily replaceable," Trump tweeted Dec. 17.

National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Tom Emmer (R-Minn.) also welcomed Van Drew into the GOP fold.

"Jeff Van Drew should be commended for refusing to blindly follow (House Speaker) Nancy Pelosi's stampede of hate-filled Democrats over the edge of the political cliff," Emmer said in a statement. "This is further proof that the socialist Democrats' hatred of President Trump and obsession with removing him from office will cost them their majority next November. This is now a Republican seat and we will fight tooth and nail to ensure it remains a Republican seat."

Not all Republicans are thrilled with Van Drew becoming Republican.

Ocean City resident and Republican Congressional candidate Bob Patterson, said he wants to challenge Van Drew next November.

"As a lifelong Republican, I have a message for liberal Switcheroo Van Drew: Bring it on," Patterson said in a statement. "Let's get one thing straight: South Jersey Republicans will not nominate a pro-choice, pro-amnesty, pro-Norcross, anti-Trump candidate, no matter what letter Van Drew has after his name. South Jersey citizens deserve a congressman who will fight for them and their conservative values — not a liberal opportunist who fights for himself."

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26	7:48	8:12	1:12	2:02
27	8:31	8:57	1:57	2:48
28	9:13	9:41	2:40	3:32
29	9:55	10:25	3:24	4:15
30	10:37	11:10	4:08	4:58
31	11:20	11:59	4:53	5:42
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