

# Meeting of the Wesley Lake Commission

## Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Meeting Facilitator: Jim Henry

### **Roll Call: In Attendance**

Mark Balzarano  
Dr. James Brown  
Jim Henry  
Peter Longo  
Doug McQueen  
Gail Rosewater

Jim Henry called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the Open Public Meeting Act.

### **Minutes**

Doug McQueen made a motion to approve the March minutes with the corrections of changing James Longo to Peter Longo under: "Roll Call" and changing City Council to Township Council under "Budget" in reference to Neptune. Mark Balzarano seconded. All approved.

### **Treasurers Report**

Jim Henry passed out the Treasurer's Report. Two checks were written in April. One for \$2.81 to JCP and L and one for \$106.00 for the Post Office Box for a year. The balance is \$13,263.73.

### **Engineers Report/Pond Weed**

Lisa Di Franza, P.E. from Maser was not able to come tonight. Jim Henry explained that Dr. Brantley had called him two weeks ago to follow up on the written proposal for weed treatment. A copy of the proposal was received by Neptune Township and emailed to Commissioners on April 14, 2016. The scope of work described includes 3-4 Herbicide and 3-4 Algaecide treatments from mid-May to late August for \$10,250.00-one half of which is to be paid by each Municipality. Gail explained she had received an email from Dr. Brantley explaining he could not come tonight but that he had spoken with the City Manager and the Mayor of Asbury Park and they said that they will see what they can do about getting the money to treat the lake. The Neptune portion has been approved. Gail Rosewater moved that the Commission accept the proposal and Mark Balzarano seconded it, all approved.

Jim Henry will follow up with the AP City Manager as weeds have already started growing. Jim Henry made a motion for the Commission to use their funds to pay for Asbury Parks half if the City Manager agrees to fund it when the budget is passed and pay the Commission back. Peter Longo seconded it, all approved. Peter Longo asked that if this happens the Treasurer's Report include the "IOU". Jim Henry

said if another scenario is necessary votes can be taken via phone or email. Doug McQueen said the City may be able to do it by emergency appropriation.

## **Fundraising**

Gail Rosewater passed out flyers for a fundraiser at Talula's on Cookman from 6-9 on April 20. 30% of the drink profits during that time go to the Citizens/Friends of Wesley Lake. Representative from Friends/Citizens of Wesley Lake Daniele Fiori announced that on April 22 there is an information table with cookies and shirts available for a donation at the Biergarten on Lake Ave. from 6-9.

## **DPW Report**

Mark Balzarano reported that lowering the Lake before heavy rain makes the water drop below the west end baskets and garbage once caught goes back into Lake. They added fencing so garbage does not spill into the Lake. The Neptune side wall was temporarily repaired. There will not be a fence put back. There is a Turnover Algae issue in the Lake. When temperatures change algae from bottom comes to top of Lake.

## **Old Business**

- Doug McQueen brought up the issue again of alternatives to bulk heads and that they were encouraged by the NJDEP. He will forward information.
- Jim Brown asked about Floating Islands discussed at last meeting. He suggested a Pilot and using students to help. Jim Henry said he will bring the issue up at the Environmental Shade Tree Commission meeting and bring back what he finds out to our next meeting. Doug said floating islands from recycled materials are less expensive than "premade" versions.
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## **New Business**

- Doug McQueen asked what the Commission thought of an egress from the Lake as someone fell in after last snowstorm and had to be pulled out by local snow shovelers. Mark Balzarano suggested 911 be called as an egress may invite people to go into Lake. Michael Clemens, Swan Boat Owner, said that maybe a rope would help and that for safety reasons he has a rescue boat but it has never had to be used. Jim Henry said this will be discussed under Old Business at next meeting.

Doug McQueen moved, Gail Rosewater seconded, to adjourn meeting at 6:20 PM and open the Public Portion.

## **Public**

- Daniele Fiori from Citizens/Friends of Wesley Lake was present. She brought up the following:

- Garbage getting stuck in floating islands as well as garbage in the lake is a problem. (Mark Balzarano explained that Neptune cleans the baskets in the Lake and Asbury Park cleans the fence areas and outflow. Doug McQueen suggested trash cans with lids so garbage does not blow out or birds do not pull it out.)
- Muskrats in and around the Lake. Jim Henry said they pose no problem.
- There is a Clean Up scheduled for May 15, 9-12 with a rain date of May 23. Biergarten will host after party. They are looking for canoes.
- Michael Clemens, Swan Boats Owner:
  - Concerned also about garbage in Lake.
  - They open this Weekend-April 23 at noon.
  - Asked about aerators and Jim Henry said he will ask APDPW.

Mark Balzarano moved to close Public Meeting and adjourn Commission meeting at 6:50 PM.  
Doug McQueen seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Gail Rosewater  
Secretary