

September 21, 2021
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Robert Bianchini
Dr. James Brown
Eileen Chapman
Ed Lacombe
Gail Rosewater
Jenn Schimpf

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:10 PM with member roll call and reading of the Open Public Records Act.

Approval of Minutes

Ed moved and Dr. Brown seconded. All Commissioners with the exception of Eileen who abstained, approved minutes from July 27, 2021. They will be sent to the municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Open Public Portion

No members of the public present

Standard Reports:

Membership:

Gail reported that Neptune needs to reappoint their members for 2022. Asbury Park does not need to do so until 1/2024.

Treasurer:

Ed presented: Balance: \$14,202.72. Eileen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dr Brown seconded. All approved. Gail requested approval for the 2022 budget and goose control supporting documentation explaining our plan and the success we achieved. Jenn moved, Dr. Brown seconded. All approved. Budget will be sent to Neptune and Asbury Park's City Managers. Gail will make note in her email to them that dredging is always our hope for the future.

<u>Operating Expenses</u>			<u>BUDGET</u>
EDUCATIONAL SIGNS	0	0	1,000
GEESE REPELLENT	1,500	1,500	3,000
GEESE LIGHTS			1,000
GEESE CHASERS CONTRACT	8000	8000	16,000
WEED TREATMENT	5275	5275	10,550
ELECTRICITY JCP and L		700	700
AERATOR****	700	0	700
MISCELLANEOUS MAINTENANCE	1250	1250	2,500
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	0	0	200
BRIDGE ANALYSIS			
BRIDGE REHAB/Floor beam/Priority #1	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
DREDGING			
PUBLIC DOCK	8,000	8,000	16,000
WEBSITE	0	0	250
TURTLE PLATFORM	0	0	500
STREETSCAPE PLAN	4000	4000	8,000
Total Operating Expenses	528,725	528,725	1,060,400

DPW

Robert explained that Keith's request for an increasing Lake depth can't be accomplished that easy. If we were to raise the Lake two feet and get a surprise storm, we would create a real problem of flooding. Also, it takes a fair amount of time to lower the Lake at present level, raising it two more feet may not be practical. Robert said the aerator being removed is not a problem but to relocate it to deeper water is not possible because it needs power with a meter. We only have one on each side of the Lake.

Robert said he is looking into a fence along the casino from AP to OG for safety reasons.

He also explained he has been asked to look into replacing the bulkhead on the AP side from Grand Ave to The Blvd. behind Dunkin Donuts. Approximately \$800,000.

Joe from Neptune was unable to make the meeting but he sent Gail an email to advise cleanup crews and pond week raking would be done as soon as possible. Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association repaved the fire lane at Emory Street Bridge.

Old Business

Geese Control:

On September 10, Gail held a Goose Control meeting via ZOOM with Don Brockel, Keith Fiori, Jaimee Nadell from Sunset. It was discussed what we need to have a coordinated approach to

the issue with all three lakes. Gail will reach out to Eileen to continue the conversation with a small group. Gail will get quotes for repellent grass treatment and pond weed. Ed Lacombe will represent the Commission at the October 21, Geese Management Zoom that Deal Lake is sponsoring.

319 H Grant

Manufactured Treatment Devices will go in for Sunset and Deal Lakes very soon. One of our floating islands floated to east end and then back to west end. Animal Control Staff had stepped on it twice to save ducks. This should not be done. Jack from Princeton Hydro will take down fencing and resecure island. Ed advised using chains not rope and mushroom anchors not cinder blocks as they learned from putting lights in.

Pond Weed:

The first treatment was on April 29. They treated the Lake with Captain XTR and Tribune (algaecide and herbicide). Second was 5/21. They came again July 6 and 23 and August 27. Dead weeds are floating on top of the water and unsightly. Neptune has agreed to rake out when they can. Treatment does not seem to be harming the floating islands. There are no treatments east of Heck St. footbridge to protect the floating islands.

Black Lagoon reported per Gail: The nuisance plants at Sunset are treated with fluoridone at a low dose over time. Their consultant/installer must have ultimately advised that this would be acceptable. I do not have any list of species planted in these islands or their susceptibility to fluoridone exposure. The nuisance plants at Wesley are treated with a couple of different contact herbicides including endothall, diquat and flumioxazine. We will do our best to stay away from these islands; however, I do not have a species/susceptibility list for these either. I would guess that we can make this work without collateral damage but suggest you discuss this with the provider/installer.

Gail was able to get a list of plants from Princeton Hydro on the islands:

- IRIS VERSICOLOR 2" Blue Flag Iris
- CAREX LURIDA 2" Shallow Sedge
- HIBISCUS MOSCHEUTOS 2 Swamp Rose Mallow
- ASCLEPIAS INCARNATA 2" Swamp milk weed
- EUMACPJ00 EUPATORIUM MACULATUM 2" Spotted Joe Dye Weed
- SCHOENOPLECTUS ATROVIRENS 2" Green Bulrush

Bridges

No report

New Business

Water Quality

Gail held a Zoom meeting on September 9, with Ed from IA Laboratories, Jack from Princeton Hydro, Jason from Monmouth University and Barbara Krzak from Sunset Lake about the quote provided by Ed to test water for PETROL. It was decided to do a one-time testing for \$585.00 for the Lake. Robert reported the City Manager of AP does not oppose this testing. Ed moved and Jenn seconded for the Commission to pay the \$585.00 for the testing to be sent to the Lab. All approved. Monmouth University is doing the water sample for free as well as fecal testing. Gail will tell Monmouth University to move forward. Eileen suggested we get press and pictures to show what is being done with the regular water testing. Gail will ask Monmouth University if they are testing west end, as she tests east end.

Anti-Harassment Training

Gail is trying to get additional dates for the training. Neptune appointees do not need to take it.

Friends and Citizens of Wesley Lake

There will hopefully be a fall cleanup. Date to be announced.

New Business

Eileen moved and Dr. Brown seconded. All 2022 dates approved.

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18

No November Meeting

December 20

Eileen moved and Dr Brown seconded to close the meeting at 7:55 PM. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gail Rosewater