

Meeting of the Wesley Lake Commission

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Brantley

Roll Call: In Attendance

Dr. Michael Brantley

Mark Balzarano

Sue Henderson

Peter Longo

Doug McQueen

Gail Rosewater

Joe Woerner

Dr. Brantley called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Minutes

Sue Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes. Gail Rosewater seconded. All approved.

Reorganization

Dr. Brantley swore in Peter Longo and he will do paperwork at a later date per Dr. Brantley. Peter introduced himself, he is from Neptune Township, an Engineer and is on the Neptune Environmental Shade Tree Commission. Damaris Adamo was not present and will be sworn in at later date. Patricia (Tee) Lesinski will also be sworn in at another time.

Treasurers Report

Jim Henry was not present but his report was distributed. Our JCP and L bill was reduced by \$2.81. Sue Henderson moved, Joe Woerner seconded, all approved the acceptance of the Treasurers Report as Presented: \$13,375.35 is balance for January and February, subtract \$2.81, current balance \$13,372.54. Dr. Brantley announced that the Ocean Grove aerator electric bill can now be paid for by Neptune and Asbury Park will pay for the other one.

Engineers Report

Dr. Brantley told Lisa not to come tonight and asked that she concentrates on grant writing. The Neptune Borough Administrator said the County does not have a harvester. It is broken. Sue is having Steve Souza check again but she believes it is too old to be fixed. Sue wondered if they have a crane.

Budget

Dr. Brantley said we have to vote on the budget tonight. He asked that there be a legend on the bottom explaining the amounts. He said we need to work on the 2017 budget early in the fall and include the harvester. But in this budget we will include weed control via herbicide and algaecide instead.

Dr. Brantley will ask Neptune Township Committee for 50% of the funds and he asked Joe Woerner to ask Asbury Park for the same. Joe explained that Asbury Park has concerns about putting chemicals in the Lake.

Peter Longo moved that we accept the budget with the changes in the amount for the weed control, Sue Henderson seconded, all approved. Gail Rosewater will redo budget and email to Joe Woerner and Dr. Brantley to bring to the Council's.

Dr. Brantley said we need to document what the City's spend on Lake maintenance.

Budget Summary

Post Office Box	100
Weed Treatment	10,250
Electricity	500
Aerator	1,200
Misc. Maintenance	2,500
Total	14,550

Fundraising

No report.

DPW Report

Mark Balzarano reported that lowering the Lake before heavy rain makes the water drop below the west end baskets. They added fencing so garbage does not spill into the Lake. The Neptune side wall still needs to be repaired. Funding was approved for it by Neptune. Doug McQueen asked about repairing bulkhead walls over time and what ecological benefit would there be to removing walls and having a more natural Lake border. Dr. Brantley said the wall that was done after Sandy was restricted by DEP. No volume of the Lake may be lost. DEP denies any attempt to change placement of walls. Dr. Brantley said we should run the issue by the Engineer. Wall may be partially replaced under Neptune's Redevelopment Plan.

Sink holes in Asbury Park were filled with stones and a tarp like reinforcement was put in to keep them from going into the Lake.

Old Business

- Gail Rosewater passed out copies to the Wesley Lake Rehabilitation Plan.

- Doug McQueen summarized his email on Floating Wetlands. Doug will continue to work with Tom Pavinski and Rutgers on this issue. Sue Henderson talked to Dr. Souza about them. They are very expensive and geese go on them and lay their eggs. Sue suggests we wait and see how they work on Sunset Lake. Doug said a partnership with Rutgers is a good idea if they want to do a pilot program and study how it works. Sue explained Dr. Souza is from Rutgers. Fences may be needed until plants take hold.

New Business

- Asbury Park is beginning their planning process. Joe Woerner asked Doug McQueen to be the liaison to the Planning Board to give Wesley Lake Commission a voice. The Asbury Park Master Plan is being reexamined not rewritten. First step is to have the Planning Board look at it. 4-5 meetings will be held for possible public input. Mark Balzarano suggested each piece of the plan that relates to a certain Department be sent to the Department as they do in Neptune. The Waterfront Redevelopment Plan is separate and does not go through the Planning Board. Many parts of the Plan will affect the Lake. Dr. Brantley suggested Doug McQueen talk to “Jen”, Neptune’s Planner. He is to let Gail Rosewater know when he is to be put on the agenda to discuss what the progress is on the Plan.
- Gail Rosewater announced these Asbury Park City Website now has a Wesley Lake page where agendas and minutes are posted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM and the Public Portion was opened.

Public

- Anita DiGiulio from Citizens/Friends of Wesley Lake was present. She brought up the following:
- A request for a copy of the Wesley Lake Rehabilitation Plan (Gail gave her one)
- She asked when the budget would be approved (unknown)
- She asked to adjust the time of the meeting until later (not at this time due to Commission Members schedules)
- We asked for an update on the west end wall repair.(TBD)

Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Gail Rosewater
Secretary