

# **Wesley Lake Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday, July 17, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Gail Rosewater declared that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Commission members present: Doug McQueen, Dr. James Brown, Jim Henry, Mark Balzarano, Gail Rosewater, Keith Fiori, Peter Longo

No members of the public were present.

Minutes of the 6/19/2018 meeting were read and approved with no changes. Jim Henry/Jim Brown (Doug McQueen and Jim Henry abstain.)

Membership: The Commission needs members in alternate positions, one appointed by each town. Chapman and Brantley were not present for input. Members discussed that Keith is the only member from Neptune who lives in Ocean Grove and that perhaps there should be more participation from Ocean Grove because of proximity to the lake. Jim Brown noted that Dr. Dale Whilden has recently taken the position of Interim Executive Director of OGCMA after the previous OGCMA Executive Director departed, so Jim Brown will inquire whether Dr. Whilden knows of anyone who might be interested in serving. The Commission also needs a secretary.

Jim Henry submitted the Treasurer's Report. There was discussion about whether the \$1000 payment from the Neptune Environmental Commission constituted Neptune's 2018 payment to WLC, or whether Neptune will make an additional \$1000 payment for 2018. Peter Longo will find out. Jim Henry has not had any reply from Neptune regarding getting the aerator electric bill in WLC's name and under WLC's EIN. Jim Henry says WLC continues to get the bill for the aerator electricity.

Gail Rosewater asked the Commissioners for input about what items should be included in the 2018/2019 budget request from the municipalities and asked Jim Henry to verify expenses.

Water Quality: Gail Rosewater advised that AP City Manager Michael Capabianco has inquired as to the Commission's interest to submit a grant application for funding to establish a water quality baseline through the National Coastal Resilience Fund. Gail answered yes, as did Sunset Lake Commission.

Grants: Gail Rosewater said that Michael Capabianco advised that AP did not submit a grant application for living shorelines or for ANJEC grants. Commission should find out whether AP or the AP ESTC is an ANJEC member for future grant possibilities. AP is going to submit a NJDEP grant application for planning grants for all three AP lakes. Due 7/20/18.

DPW: Mark Balzarano provided some information about outflow structure (pipe diameter) as a possible solution to flooding from rainstorms. He had recently observed, and took pictures, of Wesley Lake outflow to the ocean that was simply not able to keep pace with lake inflow, while at the same time, larger outflow mechanisms from Fletcher Lake were performing fine. Commissioners advised Mark Balzarano about holes along the Neptune wall, which Mark Balzarano stated would be taken care of in the coming week.

Commission moved (Mark Balzarano/Doug McQueen) to inform both municipalities about the need to clean out the sediment area at the west end of the lake to prevent further sedimentation of the remainder of the lake. Gail will write an email.

Pond Weed: Gail Rosewater reports that, according to our contractor, as of 7/5 another pond weed treatment is not warranted.

Public Outreach: Gail Rosewater discussed a press release about the visit with Frank Pallone at the Lake and WLC goals and initiatives that Gail Rosewater sent to send to Sonia Spina in Asbury Park. Asbury Park Sun initially said they would write an article but since they did not Gail will post herself on Next Door and Facebook.

Friends of Wesley Lake: Keith Fiori announced that FOWL would be conducting a cleanup on Sat July 21st and that AP ESTC would be working in conjunction with the cleanup to address areas of overgrown vegetation on the north side of the lake. Doug McQueen asked if an additional interpretive sign could be made for the pollinator garden - Keith Fiori says that funding would need to be coordinated, as the signs cost about \$800.

Walkway - OGCMA property: Doug McQueen advised that he had attempted to get in contact with Neptune about next steps to deal with the deteriorated condition of the OGCMA walkway. Doug McQueen reached out to NJDEP Green Acres for guidance, who advised that NJDEP is going to speak with the Neptune Tax Assessor regarding the property condition. Commission made a motion (Gail Rosewater/Jim Henry) directing that Doug McQueen should coordinate next steps with Neptune so that we are working together.

Gail reminded all that they must take the Ethics Training and a separate email will be sent with website link.

Meeting was closed at 8:50.  
Respectfully submitted by Doug McQueen