

Meeting of the Wesley Lake Commission

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Michael Brantley

Roll Call: In Attendance

Peter Avalian
Mark Balzarano
Dr. Michael Brantley
Paul Brown
Sharon Davis
Susan Henderson
Jim Henry
Tee Lesinski
Beth Miller
Gail Rosewater
Joe Woerner

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by Dr. Michael Brantley
The Open Public Meeting Act was read by Dr. Brantley. The meeting was to be held at the Lake itself but due to rain was held at the Asbury Park Festhalle & Biergarten.

Minutes

Minutes from May were reviewed. It was moved by Sue Henderson to approve and seconded by Mark Balzarano . They were accepted with the correction that Gail Rosewater was not at the May meeting.

By-Laws

Dr. Brantley explained that the revisions of the By-Laws were not on the agendas yet for Neptune or Asbury Park. Joe Woerner will get them on the agenda for AP and Dr. Brantley will get them on the agenda for Neptune. Jim Henry sent Tiffany (Neptune) copy of proposed amended By-Laws to be forwarded to both City Councils and City Managers.

Engineers Report

Peter prepared and distributed an aerial map of the Lake and acreage surrounding it. The Township of Neptune got a \$1.4 million grant from NRCS post Hurricane Sandy funding for the wall to be repaired and the lake dredged- 1500 yards dredged near the western end. Watershed in Neptune goes back to Neptune High School (750 acres) and run off is poor. Poor quality water goes right into the west end. Neptune is talking to a contractor to schedule work to be done. Sidewalks, drain and landscaping are improved. Asbury Park is initiating repair of outflow pipe. It will help the Lake not flood.

The Commission sponsors fundraising to improve the Lake. Ocean Grove is also doing repairs in area surrounding Lake. Jim Henry added that the northeast side of the Lake in AP has had wall improvements. Water front developers did this. Mark said at the beginning of the outflow pipe the man hole cover has been left off to reduce flooding as a result of sand. Peter explained pond weed treatment is scheduled. Rain could wash the treatment away so they are waiting for the rain to stop. Citizens of Wesley Lake paid for the treatment.

Jim Henry said the aerators have not been installed yet. They will be more expensive (\$1300.00 per aerator) to install as electric panels are needed. The process will be moved along shortly. Total is \$6,132.50 for each aerator. New electric wires have been run to bridge on AP side. Expected at beginning of July. He has spoken to APDPW and the basket for the outflow pipe is being worked on. The basket is to catch floatables.

Treasurers Report

The current balance is \$13,394. It has not changed since last month. Tee made a motion to accept and Sue seconded. All approved.

Fundraising

Jen from the Biergarten agreed to do a fundraiser. Tee and Dr. Brantley will meet with Jen.

Public Portion of Meeting

Issues:

1. Jen from Biergarten: Need for Lake to be attractive-garbage removed. Can we pay someone to clean Lake and not just depend on volunteers?
2. Keith from Friends of Wesley Lake: Can we be more proactive with pond weed clean up? Joe Woerner explained that he looked into type of Pond Weed. It is a species protected in many states and reflects that Lake is now healthier. The down side of it is that it does not look good and garbage gets trapped in it. Joe suggested that we look into preventing garbage from coming into Lake. Herbicides in the Lake may not be a good thing. Mark explained that the grates to prevent garbage coming into Lake in Neptune have been repaired. Each year the City Councils will vote on allocation of \$ for Lake. It is not a given they will pay for treatment. Should we start raising money now for next year?
3. Citizen: Goose poop could be adding to the problem. A citizen explained he has seen the issue in many towns with the pond weed.
4. Linda- Swan Boat owner: Pond weed is worse than last year. Wants to know where chemicals will be put in Lake. How long does it take to work? She picked up 18 bags of garbage from Lake. She asked where aerators will go. Mark said east of east bridge and west of west bridge. The healthier the Lake the more will grow. Aerators make Lake healthier. She asked if fish eat weed. Joe said we don't want the kind of fish that eats the weed.

Pond weed could cause overflow by clogging drains. Joe explained that Robert is now contact in APDPW. Tee suggested that AP and Neptune DPW and businesses meet. Dr. Brantley asked Mark to set up a meeting.

Sue suggested that we invite the Pond Weed expert Steve Susa to next meeting for discussion. Sue also suggested we look at new parking lot. Joe W. explained that the parking lot was built to catch the water before it went into the street. Perk levels must be checked. Mark said water needs too long before it goes down into ground. Joe W. said parking lot is better that it was before.

5. Citizen: It was mentioned that the swans that have come to live in the Lake mean it is healthier. Can we get a university to study the Lake and see how we can prevent pond weed? Dr. Brantley explained we brought in Rutgers last year. Princeton HYDRO is the company we use and Dr. Susa is an expert and will be invited to next meeting. Jim explained that last year an aerator was installed and removed because the Swan Boat owner requested it. Aerators put oxygen back in Lake but do not affect pond weed.

6. Doug McQueen asked if Commission could organize volunteers to refurbish the bridges. Jen said she would provide labor. Keith asked Camp Mtg. Association if reputable company used if OK? Jen got Sherwin Williams to donate paint. Dr. Brantley said the municipalities have to approve it.

Jim moved and Tee seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted:
Gail Rosewater