

Wesley Lake Commission Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

Meeting Facilitator: Susan Henderson

Roll Call: In Attendance

Sharon Davis
Susan Henderson
Jim Henry
Tee Lesinski
Gail Rosewater

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by Sue Henderson.
The Open Public Meeting Act was read by Sharon Davis.

Minutes

Minutes from July were reviewed. It was moved by Jim Henry to approve and seconded by Sharon Davis.

Engineers Report

Peter is with the Army Corps of Engineers tonight. He gave a report to Sharon to read: "I gave Lee Ann a design detail for her to get a cost for the section of the south east side of Wesley Lake wall failure adjacent to the Boulevard area (where orange fence is) so it can be replaced."

Treasurers Report

Same-but in future will change because we are paying for electricity to run aerators.

Fundraising Sub-committee

Tee reported that the subcommittee, consisting of Danielle Fiori (Fiends of Wesley Lake), Gail Rosewater (Commission), Tee Lesinski (Citizens of Wesley Lake and Commission) and Jen Lampert (Biergarten) met On August 11. They brainstormed fundraising ideas involving businesses along the Lake including events over the next 7-8 months. The group also discussed going after grants for larger projects and marketing Wesley Lake Commission and the groups caring for it (Friends and Citizens).The Biergarten is excited to host fundraisers after the summer season. Jim Henry suggested we all meet which NJDEP to discuss larger grants available. Tee explained that we have drafted a letter that can be sent to various Commissioners to begin the conversation. Jim Henry said we need 8 million dollars to needed restoration and that pictures and factual handouts concerning the Lake are important to distribute to illustrate the concerns and needs. Active support from local business is essential.

Aerator

Westerly aerator got clogged and stopped working. It is fine now. A cage was built to protect the float device. Large debris could harm it. Jim reported that on the North side near Bond Street now has a very nice cage, built by the Asbury Park DPW to keep floatables out of Lake. He thanked Asbury Park and Neptune DPWs for getting aerators installed and maintaining them. It was wonderful cooperation.

Outflow Financing

No report.

Public Portion of Meeting

Issues:

1. Anita DeGulia from Friends of Wesley Lake announced that September 12, is the next cleanup day. Jim suggested they contact Mark with Neptune DPW and Robert at AP DPW to lower the Lake.
2. Carol Kaplan from Ocean Grove asked if we need to be a nonprofit to raise money. Tee explained that Citizens of Wesley Lake is a nonprofit and funds can be raised under that name. She also suggested we tell Ocean Grove homeowners to not mow lawns next to Lake as it will keep geese away.
3. Jason Lewis from Asbury Park/Wesley Grove expressed appreciation for the progress that has been made. He noticed that the pond weed has moved easterly and is concerned that out flow pipe will be clogged. Tee said she will take a look. Jim Henry explained that the pond weed has died due to treatment and disconnected from the bottom of the Lake as it is loose. The wind is pushing it east. Jim feels the outflow pipe is designed to keep it from getting clogged. APDPW does clean it. Jason asked if more aerators could be installed and would like one by carousel. Jim said they cost \$6400.00 each plus cable and electricity to run it. Jim said the biggest issue is a source of power. He does not know where one is there. Jim explained the aerator does not affect pond weed except to break it off from the bottom of Lake. Jason asked how he could support the Commissioning getting Asbury Park to pay for their share of treatment. Tee explained we need to put treatment in our budget each year and apply for permits early. Early treatment is important to prevent pond weed growth. Jason said the Lake smells on the eastern end. Jim explained goose poop from 4 geese is like one septic tank full. Tee explained we have more storm water development issues and less dredging. Jim said it would be nice if we got a fountain of lights. Jim said aerators should not run all the time but DPWs do not have time to shut them off and on. Jim stated he saw a 2 foot fish in the Lake which is a sign of a healthier Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted:
Gail Rosewater