

Meeting of the Wesley Lake Commission

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Michael Brantley

Roll Call: In Attendance

Dr. Michael Brantley
Sharon Davis
Susan Henderson
Jim Henry
Tee Lesinski
Beth Miller
Gail Rosewater
Joe Woerner

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Sharon Davis
The Open Public Meeting Act was read by Sharon Davis

Minutes

Minutes from October were reviewed. It was moved by Jim H. and seconded by Sue H. to defer approval of minutes to next meeting. All approved.

Change of Order of Agenda

There was a request from the public to have their portion earlier in the meeting. Joe W. and Jim H. have to leave at 7 PM for another meeting. Public may want to comment on what Commission discusses as well as it may eliminate some questions so it will stay as is for now. We will revisit the suggestion in February.

Treasurers Report

The current balance remains the same. The \$700.00 bill Jim H. received from JCP and L is on hold. Jim will read the meter himself. He does not believe we should owe that much.

Engineers Report

Peter was not at the meeting. Joe W. said we could share the cost of a harvester with other lakes. Petr could get us an estimate of the cost. Whatever is raked out has to be dried and carted away. Peter is talking to the County and looking into the issue.

Fundraising

A fundraiser was held at the Biergarten on November 10, 2015. Jim H moved and Sharon seconded to have the Commission (Beth) send a note to them(Jen) to thank them for hosting.

Dr. Brantley suggested a larger fundraiser. Gail gave him a copy of the Fundraising Sub Committees minutes from the August meeting. It has many suggestions on it. The Sub Committee will meet in January to plan a February and or Spring/Summer event. The Commission itself as a government entity cannot fundraise, however Friends/Citizens of Wesley Lake can.

Grant Writing

Joe W. spoke to the grant writer about the brownfield site clean up grant. Hazardous sites must be owned by government or nonprofit to qualify. Jim H. suggested that we send a letter to the Governor with a list of brownfield sites that need clean-up. Joe W. also reported that when we lost cars from the flooding on Lake Ave. etc. it does not make us competitive for the grant as they value loss of residence or business more. Repetive loss must be documented. Joe W. said Tee could talk to the grant writer directly. Sue suggested we concentrate on other grants-319H instead of brownfield as she doesn't think we will get it.

Dr. Brantley suggested Peter look into it. Beth M. brought up contacting Lowes or Home Depot to do contributions in kind for planting, sand, digging holes, etc. Jim H. worked with them in relation to the environmental commission. Jim H. said Home Depot contact is Catherine and Tee will contact her.

Carp

Gail spoke to Mark Boriak from the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. He said that our lake is too big for the Carp. They filled it with Bass in 2012-2013 and they should still be there. He said other lakes used both harvester and herbicide. He indicated lakes need pond weed for the fish to hide and the aerator helps both the fish and the pond weed grow which means the lake is healthy. He said it was important that the homeowners didn't fertilize their lawns because it makes the pond weed grown more when it washed into the lakes.

Budget

A budget needs to be developed to submit to both towns. Commissioners should send budget items and estimated cost to Gail who will create a spreadsheet and which will be sent to Sue.

Joe W. said that beach revenue could possibly be used to care for the lake since it empties in the ocean. Maybe we could ask for \$25,000. The Camp Meeting Association should put some funds in also. Jim H. said the junction box at the flume outflow where the pipe separation is needs to be repaired. Joe W. said it was \$20,000.00. The City of AP is trying to get funding. Maybe the Army Corps of Engineers will pay for it. Dr. Brantley said maybe he will be able to get Neptune to give more than \$1,000. He assigned Jim, Peter, Joe W. to get figures and send them to Gail. Jim suggested rain gardens as a budget item. He will talk to Peter. Tee will talk to Home

Depot about this too. Beth Miller said SURFRIDER is looking for places to do rain gardens. Joe W. said you can get sponsors for each street.

Old Business

Asbury Park passed the "By-Laws". Joe Grillo requested to be appointed to the Commission but all seats are currently full.

Sharon moved to close the meeting and open the public portion. Jim H. seconded. All approved.

Public Portion of Meeting

Issues:

Daniele Fiori from Friends of Wesley Lake:

- Reported that the fundraiser made \$1,421.00 from GOFUNDME and the Beirgarten event. It will be used for emergency and small issues. The next fundraiser is the December 1, 2015 Holiday Season Giving Tuesday.
- Citizens and Friends of Wesley Lake are merging.
- Friends got canoe donated
- She asked if they could comment on the budget and Tee explained they could do so at the public portion of the meeting after it was presented.

Respectfully Submitted;
Gail Rosewater