

Wesley Lake Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Michael Brantley

Roll Call: In Attendance

Dr. Michael Brantley

Dr. James Brown

Eileen Chapman

Nick DeCoitiis, Maser Consulting

Susan Henderson

Jim Henry

Tee Lesinski

Peter Longo

Doug McQueen

Gail Rosewater

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by Dr. Michael Brantley

The Open Public Meeting Act was read by Dr. Brantley.

Minutes

Minutes from May were reviewed. It was moved to accept by Jim Henry and seconded by Sue Henderson. They will be sent by Gail Rosewater to Township/City to be posted on website.

Treasurers Report

The current balance is \$13,257.95. \$2.81 was spent in June. Jim reported that a PO for \$3500.00 was sent to him from Neptune but he did not sign it because he did not know what it was for. Dr. Brantley took it to find out what it was for.

Dr. Brantley reminded the Commission that Neptune would pay for the electricity that goes to Aerators. Jim said he has not made the transition for that with JCP and L yet. Tee moved and Sue seconded to accept the report. All approved.

Between January and June of each year each City/Township should send the Commission their annual contribution- usually \$1,000.

Pond Weed

Sue reported that Thursday or Friday of this week the Lake will be treated. It was held up this year because Asbury Park's portion was not in their 2016 budget. Neptune is paying the whole cost and Asbury Park will pay them back. It will be in the 2017 AP Budget per City Manager.

Harvester

Dr. Brantley said that he spoke to Vito Gadelata (Neptune's Business Administrator) and he will talk to other towns who need the harvester and we could borrow it from NJDEP (maybe). We would have to pay for the crane (for 2017). Dr. Brantley will speak with a local assemblyman and ask for us to get priority for the harvester. Tee made a motion to investigate borrowing the harvester from NJDEP and Dr. Brown seconded it. All approved. Tee will work with Vito per Dr. Brantley's request to coordinate the process.

Fundraising

Tee announced the Jackie Pappas resigned from the Chamber of Commerce and she will try to find out who is replacing her. No other report.

Aerator

Both are working. There is some pond weed especially in the west end. Wind plays a big factor as to where weed is. Jim reported the APDPW cleans the cages on a regular basis.

Peter Longo asked if APDPW has been contacted to fix the Bond Street overflow. Eileen will try to find out. A request has been made and was made again to have a APDPW person at our meetings. Doug sent an email to Michelle Alonzo, Planning Office, and the City Manager requesting this and drafted a letter for Dr. Brantley to sign. Eileen will also follow up on this issue and ask him to walk the Lake with her soon, Doug will go also. They will also look at sink holes.

Master Plan

Gail mentioned that Asbury Park is beginning the process of updating the Master Plan and we should prepare as a Commission to have input.

Dr. Brantley directed the Commissioners to review the current plan, send comments to Doug, prepare to discuss at the July meeting, and that we should submit comments to the Master Plan Committee by September.

Jim Henry is a member of the Master Plan Committee. Dr. Brantley will have Roberta Grace send a copy of the Master Plan and the Rehabilitation Plan out to all Commissioners. Dr. Brantley will invite the Executive Director of the Camp Meeting Association to attend July and August meetings and be an Alternate Commissioner from Neptune, as the position is vacant.

Eileen will ask Monmouth University experts in coastal lakes to review our suggestions for the plan also.

Peter Longo will ask Chris from the Neptune Environmental Commission to identify ownership of adjacent properties to Wesley Lake.

Doug will compile information that Commissioners send to him for our ideas for the Master Plan.

Jim Henry made a motion and Dr. Brown seconded to do a presentation to the City Council on developing a Wesley Lake Website linked to both Township/City. Dr. Brown volunteered to work on the website. All approved.

Sue made a motion to close the meeting and open the public meeting. Tee seconded. All approved.

Engineers Report

Nick stated that the living shore line is not a great option since it takes up too much space and Wesley Lake does not have space in the area we were thinking of doing it. Sue mentioned that Deal Lake will have a living shore line in one area. Jim Henry mentioned that we could work on bulkhead to keep soil from going in the rusted areas. Tee said she emailed Lisa to do grants. Maser grant writer has been on vacation. Status of grant options suggested for next meeting.

Old Business

Doug brought up the issue of the publics request to change meeting time to start later. Jim Henry has to leave at 7:00 for another meeting. Peter Longo made a motion to keep meetings at the same time. Jim seconded, all approved except Tee who abstained. Motion approved.

Public Portion of Meeting

Anita DiGiulio brought up the Rehabilitation Plan and questioned why Peter Avakian is no longer at the meetings. It was explained that Neptune hired a new firm- Maser- and now they are the Engineers. She asked what progress had been made on the Plan and Dr. Brantley said that there is no funding to continue recommendations after the east wall and dredging had been performed.

Daniele Fiori suggested we invite all stakeholders in the Lake to the July meeting to discuss the Plan. She thought asking the Camp Meeting Association Executive Director was a good idea. She asked if the sign perhaps could be taken down representing progress on the Rehabilitation Plan. Dr. Brantley said we would discuss at the next meeting. She asked when weed will be taken out of lake after treatment. Dr. Brantley agreed to send Vito an email to have Neptune remove the dead weed.

Jim moved and Sue seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted:
Gail Rosewater