

Wesley Lake Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Brantley

Roll Call: In Attendance

Dr. Brantley, Chair

Dr. James Brown

Eileen Chapman

Peter Longo

Doug McQueen

William (Billy) McClave, AP DPW

Gail Rosewater, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Dr. Brantley

The flag salute was led and the Open Public Meeting Act was read by Dr. Brantley

Minutes

Minutes from January were reviewed. Gail moved and Dr. Brown seconded. All approved. No opposed. They will be sent by Gail Rosewater to Township/City to be posted on websites along with next meeting date. There was not a quorum in February so no official meeting was held.

Engineers Report

Dr. Brantley said that at each meeting it would be decided if MASER should attend the next one. He is requesting that they attend the next meeting to provide a status on the grant applications.

Neptune (Vito) is working on getting three quotes for the Pond Weed Treatment to move forward. Dr. Brantley will contact Vito in Neptune for status. We will get a report at next month's meeting.

Gail said she would like to see the "catch basin for floatables" over by the High School fore Deal Lake and will contact Robert at AP DPW. She has requested a watershed map and will call the old Neptune Engineer, Peter, for one. Tee had also indicated she had one via email to Gail.

Leanne Hoffmann, Director of Engineering & Planning, Township of Neptune was present and discussed zoning around the Lake. Doug asked if there were standards on lighting, sidewalks etc. concerning the Lake edge. She explained that the area around the lake is owned by Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association (for all intense purposes a private entity). The Township does

not have jurisdiction over what happens in that right of way. We can work with the Camp Meeting Association however, it is also under the jurisdiction of SHPO, State Historic Preservation Office. They have the right to review and approve improvements in Ocean Grove because it is a National Historic District. It is a little more complicated to get a streetscape approved on the southern Ocean Grove side as there are multiple agencies Neptune Township needs to get approval from. Dr. Brantley asked that a subcommittee be formed under Doug and to include the elected officials, MASER Consulting, Camp Meeting Association and developers. Gail also volunteered for the subcommittee. Leanne stressed the importance of including the SHPO.

Treasurers Report

Jim Henry was not present at the meeting. Gail inquired if the Commission had a bank account, where it was and if we wrote checks. Dr. Brantley said yes. Gail suggested that we have a Deputy Treasurer in case Jim was not available that also knew where the Bank Account was and could write checks. Dr. Brantley requested that we add this to the next month agenda.

AP Master Plan

Gail reported that she attended the March 15, 2017 (February 9, was snowed out) AP Master Plan Public Forum and staffed the table for Parks, Lakes and Recreation. The word lakes had recently been added to the category because of the advocacy of this Commission. She met Deal and Sunset Lake Commission Members there and they talked about working together. Sunset Lake is having a get together to form a citizen committee on March 26, at 4 PM at TIDES. All of us are welcome. Questionnaires to gather priorities from citizens of Asbury Park were available on March 15, and will be soon be on line to fill out. Members are encouraged to fill them out and stress the importance of the health of our water and the aesthetics surrounding the Lake.

Gail also attended a Sunset Lake Commission meeting on February 7, during which she learned that the Waterfront Redevelopment Plan was being examined by the Council and she then sent an email to Amy Quinn asking that they consider requiring developers to invest in our lakes.

Website

Dr. Brown did a presentation of the website he has developed. If anyone has any documents or pictures they want included, please send them to him now. The link to the DRAFT of the site was sent to all members for their comments and suggestions on March 21.

Dr. Brown said once he modifies the site with the additional information he will call Roberta Grace's replacement from Neptune and Hannah Walker from Asbury Park and invite Eileen Chapman and Dr Brantley to discuss the website links/access to the municipal websites.

Fundraising

No Report.

Old Business

Gail reported on her meeting with Eileen Chapman and Michael Capabianco (City Manager Asbury Park) on January 25. The following was discussed:

- Eileen suggested working with Urban Coastal Institute via Monmouth University for water testing- we need a baseline to use for grants after disaster strikes and changes the water in the Lake
- The City manager indicated that if the Commission had a request they should contact him through Bill McClave, DPW
- The City manager also indicated that the footbridges were not included in the TAP grant because they were not located close enough to the Main Street Asbury Park where the other work was going to be done
- In addition, he agreed that the website was a good idea
- He also indicated he would like quarterly reports on the progress of the Commission

Dr. Brown motioned to accept Gail's report and Eileen seconded it. All approved. None opposed.

Gail asked if there was a replacement for Robert Grace and Dr. Brantley said he would find out.

New Business

The reorganization meeting will be postponed until we have information for appointments and reappointments. Asbury Park passed ordinance to appoint members to three year terms Vs. one year last month (this will now match our charter)

Gail made a motion to close the meeting at 6:00 PM and open the public meeting. Peter seconded. All approved. None opposed.

Public Portion of Meeting

Friends/Citizens of Wesley Lake:

- April 29, is the Wesley Lake Clean Up-they requested lake be lowered- DPW will pick up garbage bags next day- Bill will tell Mark
- Holes around the Lake need to be filled- Bill will tell Mark and they will fill AP's
- March 22, is Earth Day and they will have a booth at the Beirgarten to collect donations (1:00)
- Aerator at West End keeps tipping over- Bill explained happens when Lake is too low.

Peter made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. Bill seconded. All approved. Non-opposed. Meeting closed at 7 PM.

Next Meeting April 18, 2017 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted:
Gail Rosewater