

Wesley Lake Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Brantley

Roll Call: In Attendance

Dr. Brantley, Chair

Mark Balzarano, Neptune DPW

Dr. James Brown

Sue Henderson

Jim Henry

Tee Lesinski

Peter Longo

William (Billy) McClave, AP DPW

Gail Rosewater, Secretary

Nick DeCotiis, Maser Consulting

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Dr. Brantley

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

Minutes

Minutes from October (there was no November meeting) were reviewed. Jim Henry moved to accept and it was seconded by Dr. Brown. No opposed. They will be sent by Gail Rosewater to Township/City to be posted on websites.

Master Plan

Gail requested to speak at a Master Plan public meeting about Wesley Lake. She feels it is an embarrassment in terms of aesthetics and believes the guidance of the City at this point is needed to accomplish our goals. The Commission members all expressed encouragement for her to speak as a private citizen or representing the Commission. Gail and Jim described the meeting Doug attended on behalf of the Commission. Doug mentioned storm water management, wall structure, condition of bridges and aesthetics. He submitted to the consultants the 2008 Rehabilitation Plan, Tee's answers to their 5 questions and the Commission approved fact sheet Gail did (all attached to these minutes).

Treasurers Report

Jim Henry reported that there were two paid bills to JCP & L. One for \$180.00 and one for \$230.00. Jim also said we would get a refund from JCP & L at some point. Jim asked Gail to scan and send written Treasurers Report with December minutes to members.

TAP Grant

Dr. Brantley talked to John Moor, Mayor of Asbury Park. He asked him to tie Wesley Lake (rehabilitation of the western bridge) into their existing grant. Gail said Doug had expressed concern about doing this and wanted our own separate grant application as a Commission. He felt that was what was best for the Lake. No one was sure if the west end bridge was included in the grant application the City wrote but Doug said the Commission was unable to write their own since only one grant application per municipality could be submitted. Hopefully Doug will share what happened in more detail at January meeting.

Pond Weed

Dr. Brantley asked if we needed another permit. Sue said she would find out from Steve/Princeton Hydro(vendor)and ask the cost. In 2016 the permit review fee was \$150.00. The entire fee was \$10,250.00. He asked when we could enter a treatment agreement in 2017. Bill will see if we need quotes and what the process is. Can we still proceed as we did in 2016 (Neptune pays and Asbury Park reimburses them)? There was discussion if quotes or bids were needed.

Website

Dr. Brown said he thought the best ways to do it was to have an independent website that both towns could link to. He said we could generate the interest of the businesses near the Lake and he asked for pictures of Wesley Lake to be emailed to him. He said we could do a photography contest with students etc. He will put a written proposal together and a mock website and a presentation will be done at the February meeting.

Budget

Gail reminded the Commission we approved he budget in September for 2017. We need to find out what was included in the City's budgets per our request. Copy of the budget is being emailed with these minutes.

Fundraising

No Report.

New Business

The reorganization meeting will be in January. Several Asbury Park members were asked to indicate if they were still interested in serving.

Dr. Brantley reported that Roberta is retiring from Neptune. No word on replacement.

Gail reported Wesley Grove donated and the Environmental Shade Tree Commission planted seagrass from the Carousel parking lot to the swan boats along the Lake. It may assist in keeping geese away. Jim Henry reported that the Environmental Shade Tree Commission oils eggs around Sunset Lake and Wesley Lake each spring.

Tee made a motion to close the meeting at 6:20 PM and open the public meeting. Jim H. seconded. All approved.

Public Portion of Meeting

Jack Bredrin from 94 ½ Heck Ave. in Ocean Grove spoke. He expressed much concern about the quality of the water in the Lake and how it can be improved. (water drainage from streets, replaced existing water and silt, have developers assist). Mark B. clarified his ideas in terms of history and facts.

Anette Russ, founding member of the Citizens of Wesley Lake and Water Watcher discussed education on water quality/cleanliness for citizens and students. She would like a copy of the charter and asked what kind of water quality testing was done. Sue said there is limited funding for testing and she will work with Monmouth University students on all three Lakes.

Sue moved and Mark seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Gail Rosewater