

Wesley Lake Commission Minutes 6/19/2018 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. By Gail Rosewater. Gail led the Flag Salute and read the Open Public Meeting Act.

Members in attendance were: Bill McClave, Dr. James Brown, Gail Rosewater, Patricia Lesinski, Peter Longo, Mark Balzarano, Dr. Brantley

Minutes of the May 2018 meeting were approved.

The meeting was opened to the public, but there were no members of the public in attendance.

STANDING REPORTS:

Membership: Keith Fiori was made a member representing a Citizen of Neptune. Doug McQueen was nominated by Gail and seconded by Pete. Vote passed, and Doug is the Member at Large. The nomination for Secretary was tabled. Pete contacted the Camp Meeting Association of Ocean Grove for volunteers to become members but there were none. We need one member for alternate position from both Asbury Park and Neptune.

Treasurer: GR read the Treasurer's report and noted a bank balance of \$17,283.85. It is unclear if this includes recent deposits. BM made motion to accept Tee 2nd. Approved.

Watershed: GR read an email from LeAnn Hoffman the Neptune Twp Engineer assuring the Commission that the Twp enforces NJDEP BMP. The map showing the storm water outfalls is online.

Water Quality: The aerators are now set to run 24 hours. Both Asbury and Neptune continue remove floatables weekly and more often if necessary. The outfall is cleaned by AP every Friday.

Grants : GR reported that the NJDEP 319(h) grant award was discussed at a Sunset Lake Commission meeting she, Keith, Jim H, Tee, Eileen, attended. Representatives from all three Lakes were there as well as Bill M. Details are still being discussed but the contract has not been signed by the State. Wesley Lake will get tree boxes and a Bio Swale near the Beer Garden. Schedule is 2-3 years.

It is possible the Commission may be eligible for a grant through ANJEC for a pollinating Garden and a Living Shoreline Grant for floating islands- which was voted on in March. A Regional Resilience Planning Grant through NJDEP for all three lakes is being worked on by Asbury Park.

DPW: Sink holes on AP side will be filled by Asbury, and Neptune will utilize summer employees to fill holes on the Neptune side. OG side were discussed and MB said he would access and fill in with rocks in the next few weeks. The Neptune DPW delivered soil and gravel to the East End Garden and volunteers from the Neptune DPW/Planning/Engineer, Neptune Environmental & Shade Tree Commission and the Drum Corp planted over 50 plants. Deal Lake is applying for an electric sluice gate. We will apply also if a grant becomes available. Tee will investigate. Bill said they go out in a boat to remove large garbage. Bill reported no sand currently coming in outfall. But we do need a longer bigger pipe. Bill said there is no perfect science to lowering the Lake to prevent flooding. They do the best they can based on weather forecast. The opening to the ocean is opened by hand and must be done based on winds and current.

Pond Weed: Several Commission members walked the lake with Black Lagoon on 4/19. The 1st Treatment was applied 5/1 and the second on 6/12.

Website Update: JB will arrange for a photographer to take photographs of the lake. He also mentioned Monmouth College can do basic water quality testing and will investigate further.

Earth Day (4/21): There was a press release in the Coaster on 5/3. Two documents (designed by Keith and written by Gail- a press release on caring for the Lake and a mini poster for Earth Day with the Commissions mission) were made available at the table as well as Earth Day giveaways.

Friends & Citizens: A lake cleanup is scheduled for 7/21. Gail gave Tee info on Proven Poke and Proven Muscle Athletics who Gail thought might assist with a fundraiser. Tee said they have dog poop and cigarette butt containers in the works.

Camp Meeting Association Property: Gail reported that Doug McQueen (DM) has sent letter to CMA with still no reply regarding our documents and questions as per below.

(Last month DM explained that Member Keith Fiori (not present) had mapped and photo documented areas of the Lake Ave walkway (Ocean Grove side) that were deteriorated and in need of repair. Previous requests to OGCMA to address these deficiencies had gone unresolved. This area owned by OGCMA is a public right-of-way and is listed on the Neptune Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI), for which OGCMA receives a Green Acres property tax exemption from Neptune Township. A motion was approved (GR) to reconsider how to proceed with addressing these property deficiencies with OGCMA and Neptune Township since Dr Brantley said they already are in court with the Camp Meeting Association.

Signs: Several options were discussed such as “Don’t Feed the Wildlife” “Pick up after yourself” “Clean up after your dog”. A motion to include abbreviated bullet points about caring for the Lake was made by GR and 2nd by BSc...Approved. They are \$800.00 per sign. We can do one or two signs. Will discuss at next meeting. Tee will investigate.

New Business: Tee is working on an initiative with Clean Ocean Action to ID non-point sources of run-off and to educate local business to improve their contributions pollution.

Old Business: Urban Coastal Institute is supposed to perform depth and water turbidity testing.... Dr. Brantley mentioned an engineer can be made available with notice and as needed..... The east end development in OG was discussed. There was an agreement signed that requires the developer to repair a section of the retaining wall around the lake. The estimated cost is about \$2 million.... GR and representatives from FCWL met with Congressman Pallone on 5/21 and GR dropped off information State Representative Vin Gopal and will invite him to walk the Lake with her in mid- to late July.

Motion to close @ 8:08 (BM/TEE) approved.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Pete Longo