

Meeting of the Wesley Lake Commission

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Brantley

Roll Call

Dr Brantley
Sharon Davis
Jim Henry
Peter Avakian
Mindi Arcoleo
Mark Balzarano
Paul Brown

Guest: Leanne Hoffmann

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Davis and was later turned over to Dr. Michael Brantley. The minutes of the Wesley Lake commission June 2014 meeting will be approved at the September meeting.

Report

The following is a summary of the dredging operation of Wesley Lake. Leanne Hoffmann provided much of the details for the summary.

1. 7500 cubic yards of dredging (hydraulic) is completed.
2. sediment material has been removed as specified in the contract agreement.
3. The funding for the operation was provided by National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) capital funding and the Monmouth Open Space.
4. Additional dredging is required for the Western end of the Lake. The estimated cost to complete this work is \$28,000. Dr. Brantley has asked Asbury Park to provide half the amount (\$14,000) and Neptune Township will provide the other half.
5. Peter Avakian informed the commission that the existing permit can be use since it does not expire until 2015. There is also the possibility to attach this additional work to the existing Wesley Lake dredging contract.
6. Jim Henry will work on getting Asbury Park portion (\$14,000).

The issue of the vegetation growth (broad leaf pond weed) was discussed. The following is a summary of the discussion.

1. The Wesley Lake is currently infested with an overgrowth of broad leaf pond weed.
2. Leanne Hoffmann informed the commission that Dr Stephen J Sousa recommends a herbicide treatment. The treatment requires a permit and the treatment should commence by the end of May 2015.

3. Leanne Hoffmann requested a proposal from the Township of Neptune to authorize the treatment of Wesley Lake. The total cost of the treatment is \$8,200 which will be covered by Neptune and Asbury Park Townships.
4. Dr. Brantley requested a summary from Peter Avakian which he will use to present the case at the next Asbury Park council meeting.

Finally, Leanne Hoffmann reported that the Wesley Lake has been tested to determine the viability to support fish farming. The report suggests that Wesley Lake can support bass and catfish.

Old Business

Jim Henry recommends Kasco 13T411 aerator for Wesley Lake.



The unit has a 2 horse power, spray height of 8 feet and diameter of 32 feet. Jim will talk to Tee Lesinski about approaching the Friends of Wesley Lake for help in purchasing aerator. A motion to reach out to Tee Lesinski to obtain support for the purchase of aerator was made. The motion was moved by Sharon Davis and second by Mindi Arcoleo.

In addition, Mindi plans to inquire on aerator prices.

The current balance in the account is \$11,494.97. The amount of \$400 - \$600 will be deducted to pay for the NJDEP permit application for the Wesley Lake broad leaf pond treatment.

The meeting concluded with a brief discussion the PADDLE BOAT CHALLENGE between Neptune and Asbury Park townships.

1. Dr Brantley apologizes that the members of the Wesley Lake commission were not informed of the race.
2. There were 3 boat races involving officials from both townships. The Dragons boats beat the Swan boats 3 wins to 2 loses.

New Business

The commission needs to begin raising funds for Wesley Lake again. Jim Henry plans to reach out to the Chambers of Commerce for fund raising ideas. The commission still has contacts pending with Jackie Pappas.

The next meeting should include discussions on the ByLaws and fund raising activities. Jim Henry will receive any comments and/or suggestions you have on the ByLaws.

Jim Henry moved that the meeting be adjourned and his motion was second by Mark Balzarano.

The next Wesley Lake meeting is schedule for September 16, 2014.