

## **Meeting Minutes of the Wesley Lake Commission 5/17/2016 Meeting**

Meeting Facilitator: Jim Henry

### **Roll Call - In Attendance:**

Peter Longo

Tee Lesinski

Sue Henderson

Jim Henry

Doug McQueen

Michael Brantley - Joined the meeting at 5:49 pm.

Jim Henry called the meeting to order at 5:44 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

### **Approval of Prior Minutes:**

Jim Henry noted one correction to the minutes of the previous meeting regarding the motion to adjourn the previous meeting. Those minutes should read that Doug McQueen moved to adjourn the previous meeting (not "Doug Meeting"). Subject to that correction, Jim Henry moved to approve those minutes. Peter Longo seconded. Approved (Lesinski and Henderson abstained).

### **Treasurers Report:**

Jim Henry reported that there was one check paid to JCP&L for \$2.97, which was an increase of 16 cents due to a slight difference in service related government fees. The closing balance is \$13,260.76. Tee Lesinski moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Peter Longo seconded. All approved.

### **Engineers Report:**

The engineer was not present at the meeting. Dr. Brantley suggested that the engineer should give a report at the next meeting about the status of the west end wall repair. Tee Lesinski noted that there will be a NOAA grant application for improvements to the lake that will be due in September 2017. Dr. Brantley asked for a report on the NOAA grant application at the next meeting.

Regarding Pond Weed treatment, Jim Henry provided a written statement dated May 17, 2016, titled "Weed Control Report," updating the Commission on the weed control agreement between AP and Neptune. Dr. Brantley noted that the two towns have entered a shared services agreement to handle the weed control project and associated contributions. Tee Lesinski noted that the AP City Manager finished coordination with the Neptune City Manager, who had requested a copy of the weed treatment bill as part of the shared services agreement between the two municipalities. Tee will follow up.

Dr. Brantley suggested that there should be a meeting between the two towns to coordinate weed and algae control going forward. He noted that both towns have seen some administrative and elected representative turnover, which means that there are new people in positions that have historically coordinated these efforts. Doug McQueen suggested that the Asbury Park council be advised that they will not only have to budget for the amount about to be owed for 2016 weed treatment, but that Asbury Park should also budget for the same amount in upcoming years.

#### **Fundraising Subcommittee:**

The Talula's fundraiser raised several hundred dollars for the Citizens of Wesley Lake.

#### **Old Business:**

Doug McQueen noted that he received an email (through Tom Pivinski) from Meredith DeMarco at NYNJ Baykeeper which stated that NYNJ Baykeeper is expecting to hear by July 1, 2016 about a grant award for floating islands in Sunset Lake. They will keep us posted.

In light of the recent incident of a woman falling in the lake, the Commission discussed the egress issue raised at the last meeting. It was noted that the woman in question in this incident was visually impaired and fell into the lake, in which case a means of egress would not have helped her.

Jim Henry reported that AP DPW says that the lake aerators are getting ready to go in shortly.

#### **New Business:**

Tee Lesinski raised a question about a blog post that referred to the lake as a "retention basin" on a map that is in Neptune Township's possession.

Following on his earlier comments about administrative turnover in both towns, Dr. Brantley noted that both towns may be facing administrative challenges, and that Wesley Lake might not be the top priority in either municipality. He would like to see the administrations stabilize in both towns so that we can make progress on the lake. Jim Henry noted that it will be our Commission's duty, in the meantime, to make sure that issues regarding the lake are addressed.

**Public Comments:**

Jim Henry moved to open the meeting to the public. Tee Lesinski seconded. All approved.

Jim Rokosny described how the lower portion of the outflow gates, even the newer ones, do not stay in place, allowing debris to flow out. He noted that the bottom portion of the new grate on the northwest end is not even attached to the wall at the bottom of the grate. He suggested a better design and/or installation to ensure that the grates are actually doing what they are supposed to do.

Jim Rokosny pointed out that there are still substantial areas of subsidence from the bottom of the deteriorating walls, causing substantial sinkholes in these areas. He noted that these sinkholes are large enough to present a substantial liability for both towns.

At a previous meeting, Doug McQueen discussed the topic of "living shorelines" as an alternative to bulkheading in areas where the present bulkhead has deteriorated, particularly on the northwest corner of the lake between the two bridges. These natural shorelines could also become a point of ingress/egress to the lake where there is none now. Dr. Brantley asked Doug to contact the Commission's engineer and request additional information as to the viability of this option.

Jim Rokosny asked if the Wesley Lake Commission meetings could start later than 5:30, noting that the meetings most commissioners and attendees cannot make a 5:30 pm meeting very easily after work. He noted that many Commission meetings start late anyway. Dr. Brantley and Jim Henry explained that there were reasons why

commissioners wanted earlier meetings, including conflicts with subsequent meetings on the same night and the fact that municipal employees wanted to avoid going home and having to return later for a meeting. Dr. Brantley stated that the commissioners would communicate about time preferences and would have a discussion about updated times at the next meeting.

Anita Digiulio asked why AP DPW has not attended a Wesley Lake Commission meeting in a long time. Sue Henderson said she will ask if an AP DPW representative can attend. Dr. Brantley asked Doug McQueen to draft a letter from the Commission to Asbury Park requesting the attendance of the AP DPW at future Commission meetings.

Jim Henry moved to close the public portion and Sue Henderson seconded. All approved.

Jim Henry moved to adjourn the meeting and Sue Henderson seconded. All approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McQueen  
Alternate / Acting Secretary