

# April 21, 2026

## Wesley Lake Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Dr. James Brown

Keith Fiori

Gary Iott

Ed Lacombe

Barbara Lesinski

Dan Packowski, AP DPW

James Rokosny

Gail Rosewater

Jenn Schimpf

Gail opened the meeting at 7:04PM with member roll call and reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

No one from the public was present.

Approval of the Minutes: Barbara moved to accept the minutes of March 24, 2026, and Jim seconded. All others in favor. Gail will forward minutes to municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Treasurers Report - Current balance is \$21,443.08. Jim moved and Dr Bown seconded. All in favor of approving the Treasurers Report.

### AP DPW

Both aerators are out for service. They are getting quotes for longer cables, lighting and a powered cable for lights. If we need a new electric box on the AP side, we cannot do it this year. But we wouldn't need it if we got another cable. They are also getting a quote for the aerator head on the western side that would provide a lower fountain. We can assist with choosing it. Brian is now head of Parks Crew in AP DPW. They are doing a good job edging and mowing the lawn along the AP Lake. Dan said they would work on the floating islands resecure.

### Geese Management

Gail addressed the concerns voiced last month from the Geese Chaser via Anthony. She said the dog should not go in the water and that she smelled petrol near the dock not sewage. It enters the lake with storm water. She will follow up with Anthony to see if they are able to fulfill contract obligations given her concerns. Geese are clearly in the nesting

mode. The swan built a nest and laid an egg on a floating island against the Ocean Grove lake wall.

#### Deed

Jim has procured a second deed. He gave it to Gail.

#### Missing Swallow Sign

The Swallow sign located on the Ocean Grove side of Heck Street Bridge is gone. Barbara ordered the sign and is waiting for the DRAFT to approve. She gave Ed the printed estimate for \$543.81. AP DPW will put the sign up.

#### Pedestrian Bridge

Gail announced that she wrote letters to 1. Congressman Pallone to support Phase II project of bridges with federal money. (Neptune indicated the estimate to be \$3,414,000). 2. Senator Kim for Phase II 3. Monmouth University for a grant for Marine Biodiversity in NJ. In addition, last month it was mentioned Gail wrote letters to Senator Kim regarding support for Neptune Township Coastal Lakes Restoration Project.

John Moor, AP Mayor, wrote to Frank Palone dated 3/19/26 regarding support for Neptune Township Coastal Lakes Restoration Project and Phase II of the Bridge Project. Neptune and Camp Meeting wrote letters in support of the Phase II Bridge Project.

Neptune has already received indication from Congressman Pallone that he will request bridge funding from the Appropriations Committee.

#### Raingardens

Gail said that Neptune blew out the leaves from the rain garden in Founders Park and that we needed to have a cleanup day to clean the leaves out of the smaller rain garden. April 25 at 9 am was set as the date unless it is pouring.

#### Fletcher Lake

Gary reported that he attended the April 9 meeting of their Commission. He learned Bardley Beach and Neptune each give 3,000 to the Commission. They are working on advocacy to get the Lake dredged along with Sylvan Lake. It was mentioned that grants were given to several small lakes in the area recently to be dredged.

Gary also reported a resident of Bardley Beach attended and made a complaint about the light and noise of the aerator in the Lake near her home.

#### Friends and Citizens

Jim reported that he met with the Neptune Environmental Shade Tree Commission to build a partnership to work on beautification along the Ocean Grove side of the Lake. Jim also

met with the Camp Meeting Association (Natalie). He asked for a space in Founder's Park to plant gardens. She will take it back to the OGCMA Board. He will write up a proposal for her to present to them. The Neptune Environmental Shade Tree Commission said they would help.

Jim would also like to put more signs and plants around the Lake on the strip between the sidewalk and lake, which is owned by OGCMA.

#### Outfall/Flooding

Gail mentioned that iSTAR/Starfield is willing to build a new automated outfall pipe to reduce flooding around Wesley Lake. In exchange they want approval for a parking garage that comes with a Pilot Program. Gail stressed this may be our only chance to have something significant that reduces flooding and that there may come a time when the Commission needs to demonstrate their support of the project.

Ed made a motion to adjourn, and Barbara seconded at 8:10PM.