August 18, 2026
Wesley Lake Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance:
Dr. James Brown
Eileen Chapman
Keith Fiori
Gary Iott
Ed Lacombe
James Rokosny
Gail Rosewater

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: Eileen moved to accept the minutes of July 21, 2026, and Jim seconded. All others in favor. Gail will forward minutes to municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Treasurers Report
Ed provided the current balance of the account at $20,899.27. It remains unchanged since the last report. It was voted to increase ask for municipal contributions to $1500 in 2027. Gail moved, Ed seconded. All approved.

AP DPW
Floating Island on the eastern end of the Lake was resecured further west.

Gail reported that the lights on the eastern footbridge were out and had been for a long time. Melvin had reported he had tried to get JCP and L to fix. Eileen asked Asbury to do a work order also via text during the meeting.

The western end aerator is broken and secured on the southwest end of the Lake until parts arrive.

Neptune DPW
Gail sent around two pictures of the western end of the Lake. The guard rail and light posts were painted black by the County on the day they did the silt clean up after the storm and graffiti removed. Neptune added additional height to the largest cage to keep birds out and prevent overflow of floatables during a storm. One of the baby swans had fallen in twice and been scooped out by concerned citizens The section between the two cages was filled with stones to keep it from collecting garbage.

TIGRIS reported via email to Gail that harmful algae blooms (HAB)were not present in Lake. Gary and Gail both said that their water testing reflected some increase in HAB.

Fletcher Lake
Gail shared the Fletcher Lake press release in the Coaster that indicated Fletcher had increased water quality.

Friends and Citizens
Jim did a walk around the Lake with concerned citizens. He wants to generate interest in beautifying the Ocean Grove Lake side, especially Founder's Park and getting sidewalks fixed (homeowners' responsibility). He will do another walk around in the fall and a clean-up day. He was able to recruit someone to be on Friends and Citizens as Treasurer. He has not heard from The Camp Meeting Association (Jim had a conversation about beautifying the edges of the Lake, especially in the southwestern end). Jim will also do a rain barrel workshop in the spring with the OG Homeowners Association.

Jim is concerned that the OG side of the Lake is no longer Green Areas. He will speak with Melvin about this.

Missing Swallow Sign
The new Swallow sign located on the Ocean Grove side of Heck Street Bridge has been posted.

Raingardens/Floating Islands
They look healthy and are flourishing. They also have a lot of weeds.

Flood/Silt Clean Up
Gail sent thank you emails to AP Mayor John Moore, Robert Compton, Monmouth County DPW, and Neptune Mayor Kevin McMillian. Eileen suggested we thank Commissioner Arnone also and gave Gail his email address.

Five-Year Budget and Goals
Barb had asked Gail (via email) to add the designation of ***historic*** to footbridges and to have land on OG side redesignated as Green Acres. Dr Brown asked that we stress the importance of lighted aerators and have them added to budget. Keith asked that an annual silt clean-up be added to the document and for Gail to ask Monmouth County for the approximate cost. Gary moved and Jim seconded to accept the *5-Year Budget Priority Memo - 2027 through 2031* with the modifications suggested. All approved. It will now be sent to the municipalities.

Manufactured Treatment Devices
Gail contacted Keith Daly, Neptune Grant Consultant, about a 319 H Grant for these devices. Keith said no grants were available now, but he would keep an eye out of them.

Gail made motion to cancel September's meeting due to anticipated lack of attendance. Ed seconded. All agreed. There will be no September meeting.

Eileen made a motion to adjourn, and Jim seconded at 8:20PM.