

September 16, 2025
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
One Municipal Plaza Asbury Park
Second Floor Conference Room

In Attendance:

Dr Brown
Eileen Chapman, AP Council Representative
Melvin Fitzpatrick, NDPW
Gary Iott
Barbara Lesinski
Kevin McMillian
Jim Rokosny
Gail Rosewater, Chair
Anthony Thompson, APDPW

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:06 PM with member roll call/introductions and reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Public

Two members of the public were present. Not residents of Asbury Park or Neptune. They expressed concerns over the garbage around and in the Lake and the wellbeing of the swans. They would like to attend our next clean up.

Anthony explained how the DPW cleans up around the Lake on a regular basis. And Melvin explained how the cages were cleaned out of floatables. They requested more garage and recycling cans in the carousel parking lot. Eileen said she would talk to IStar and Madison Marquette since they own the land.

Barbara explained CLONet (Coastal Lakes Network) and directed them to the Monmouth University website for information. Gail explained the baby swan situation on the Lake and that there were people watching over "Cygee". Who is currently learning to fly?

Approval of Minutes:

Gary moved to accept the minutes of August 19, 2025, and Jim seconded. All others voted in favor. Gail will forward minutes to municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Membership

No Report

Treasurer's Report

No Report

DPW/Neptune

Melvin explained that the western bridge rehabilitation will begin in the summer of 2026. The pedestrian bridge has a preliminary design in progress. Gail passed around documents approved so far that had been emailed from Neptune City Clerk. They will let us know when it is time to comment. Phase two for the second bridge was not approved by the Federal Government. Neptune had approached Senator Booker on this issue.

The detention basin behind PNC has been cleaned out by the landowner. Less silt should flow into the Lake. Melvin explained the area must be mowed in order for it to be kept clean.

DPW/AP

The outflow pipe collapsed and is fixed. He also explained that AP made the decision to stop fertilizing grass along the Lake. Boat motor received. DPW will reposition Islands next week. A new Director of APDPW has been hired.

CLONE/Water Testing

We are still waiting for Gary to get supplies so he can test Fletcher and assist with Wesley.

Aerators

The west end aerator is turned off but remains in the Lake. Gail reminded Eileen to see if a cable can be purchased to move it to deeper water. Eileen will talk to city manager. At the last meeting Keith moved, and Jim recommended \$2500 of Commission money to be offered for paying for a longer cable. All approved.

Geese Management

The geese are not completely gone but have reduced in numbers. The Geese Chaser is a year-round contract.

October Meeting

Ed will run the meeting as Gail cannot attend.

New Business

Gail was contacted by Monmouth University's Richard Kane to do eDNA testing in the ocean once a year. eDNA testing is important because it provides a non-invasive and efficient way to monitor biodiversity and detect species in the environment. Scientists can gather information about the organisms present in the area which can be crucial for understanding the health of ecosystems and guiding conservation efforts. Jim volunteered to do it.

Barb made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 PM and Gary seconded. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by: Gail Rosewater