

DRAFT
June 15, 2021
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Keith Cafferty
Eileen Chapman
Keith Fiori
Ed Lacombe
Joseph Leone
Tee Lesinski
Doug McQueen
Gail Rosewater
Jenn Schimpf

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:03 PM with member roll call and reading of the Open Public Records Act.

319 H Grant

Special Guest: Jack Szczepanski from Princeton Hydro provided an update on the project. Floating Wetland Islands were installed in Sunset Lake and will be installed in Wesley Lake tomorrow. Seventeen volunteers assisted. The islands are anchored. Free parking was secured for the volunteers. Educational signs were put around the lakes to educate the public on the purpose of the islands. The islands need to be placed in three feet of water and can be moved. No projected date for the Manufactured Treatment Devices or Asbury Park/Ocean Grove Rain Gardens.

Approval of Minutes

Eileen moved and Doug seconded. All approved minutes from May 18, 2021:

Open Public Portion

Doug moved to open the public portion; Eileen seconded. All approved. Ernest McNally spoke about his concern for the chemical pollution of the Lake. Doug also expressed concern and asked Gail to call the Monmouth County Health Department, Monmouth University and Peter Avakian to see what she can find out about costs for chemical testing.

Standard Reports:

Membership:

Gail introduced Joseph Leonne, the DPW representative from Neptune. She will ask Rick Cuttrell from Neptune about swearing him in.

DPW

Keith F., Joe, Doug, Robert, Glen (new to Asbury Park DPW) and Gail walked around the Lake on June 1 to discuss the landscaping needs of the Ocean Grove side. Joe is new to his position, was very receptive but is challenged by the busy time of year. Limbs were cleaned up immediately. He explained he will have DPW pick up litter every other week. They are putting signs up to tell residents not to put trash in fire lanes. Keith sent Joe a list of requests for ongoing maintenance.

- **SIDEWALK EDGING and CLEANUP/GRADING**
- **TREE TRIMMING**
- **BROKEN AND UNSAFE SIDEWALKS**
- **FIRE LANES**

Ed requested aerators be put on timers. Eileen said she would ask Robert.

Treasurer:

Ed presented: Balance: \$14,202.72. \$150.00 was spent on lights. Tee moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Eileen seconded. All approved. Ed will give Robert lights that do not work.

Old Business

Geese Control:

Gail observed that there were a lot less Geese around than prior years.

Reports have come in that Fletcher Lake has a lot of Geese. Gail emailed them to tell them about our plans to control geese last fall, but they did not response. Keith C. said he would try to resurrect their Commission.

Jenn investigated ReJEXit being applied by the DPW's to save money. She spoke to Patricia Hastings from Rutgers. Patricia teaches the Pesticide Safety Class at Rutgers. No one at with DPW has the license to apply this pesticide. They would need an Aquatic Chapter 6 license. It is cheaper and more advisable to continue to hire someone to do it. ReJEXit will be put in the budget request for the municipalities per Keith C. and Eileen 's advice. Keith C asked Gail to write a narrative justification.

Pond Weed:

The first treatment was on April 29. They treated the Lake with Captain XTR and Tribune (algaecide and herbicide). Second was 5/21.

Bridges

No formal cost analysis of the needed bridge repairs has been done yet. Gail and Eileen explained that since the footbridge gates are locked at night Asbury Park will not take the lead in applying for grants to provide bridge maintenance, however they will work together with Neptune. Keith and Eileen will work together to communicate this position to Neptune Committee and see what can be done.

Doug asked if the new Neptune Engineer could attend out meetings. There is not one appointed yet.

Tee moved and Eileen seconded to close the meeting at 8:03 PM. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Gail Rosewater