

April 15, 2025
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
One Municipal Plaza Asbury Park
Second Floor Conference Room

In Attendance:

Dr. James Brown
Eileen Chapman, AP Council Representative
Keith Fiori
Melvin Fitzpatrick, Neptune DPW
Ed Lacombe, Treasurer
Kevin McMillian, Neptune Deputy Mayor
Jim Rokosny
Gail Rosewater, Chair
Anthony Thompson, APDPW

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:07 PM with member roll call/introductions and reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Member of Public: None Present

Approval of Minutes:

Kevin moved to accept the minutes of March 18, 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

Ed reported there was a balance of \$19,732.56. Both municipalities sent their annual \$1,000.00 contribution. Ed requested \$300 to beautify the entry

way to the western footbridge with plants. Gail moved, Eileen seconded, all approved.

Eileen suggested we submit our 2026-2030 Budget request now. Gail will distribute it to the members for their ideas.

DPW

AP

Eileen said the outfall pipe on the east end to the ocean was cleaned out and the damaged part removed. This is a temporary fix pending funds to repair being identified. The gate can still be opened and closed. Keith and Ed expressed concern over the high level of Lake during a recent storm. Anthony assured the Commission that the gate was opened or closed based on the weather forecast.

Eileen will continue to work with NJDEP and the Army Corps of engineers as well as local elected officials for a long-term solution. A few years ago, the Army Corp of Engineers had added sand to the beach and extended the pipe from 50 to 75 feet.

Gail reported that the new fence on top of the damn was installed. One loose island was re-secured attached to two others, one of which a swan has built a nest on which she is not guarding.

Neptune

Melvin informed us that Neptune had called together a group called the Monmouth Coastal Watershed Partnership. Gail will contact Keith Daly and ask to be included.

Bridges

Kevin reported that the bridgework is going out to bid. The entire bridge at the western end should be worked on with the entry way being the responsibility of the municipality.

Geese Management

The number of geese around the Lake has already gone down. There are also two swans in the Lake.

Old Business

The April 4 Lake Community Service Project of the Key Club (which is the Junior part of the Kiwanis Club) was canceled due to rain.

OGCMA

Jim reported he has a meeting with Natalie Stevens, the COO of the CMA. She was interested in working together with the Commission. If we have any issues that are related to the CMA we can go through Jim to request assistance.

Presentation

Gail(Wesley) and Eileen (Sunset) presented on the lakes to an interested group on March 30 at Trinity Church. It was well received.

Keith made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 PM and Eileen seconded. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by: Gail Rosewater