

**May 20, 2025**  
**Wesley Lake Commission Minutes**  
**One Municipal Plaza Asbury Park**  
**Second Floor Conference Room**

In Attendance:

Eileen Chapman, AP Council Representative  
Melvin Fitzpatrick, Neptune DPW  
Gary Iott  
Ed Lacombe, Treasurer  
Kevin McMillian, Neptune Deputy Mayor  
Jim Rokosny  
Gail Rosewater, Chair  
Jenn Schimpf, Secretary  
Anthony Thompson, APDPW

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with member roll call/introductions and reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Member of Public: None Present

Approval of Minutes:

Gary moved to accept the minutes of April 15, 2025, and Eileen 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 \$19,553.55. Ed spent \$179.01 on plants at the entry way to the western footbridge. Gail moved, Eileen seconded, all approved.

Gail presented the 2026—2030 5 Year Budget Priority Memo to Municipalities she had distributed to Commissioners a few weeks ago. Commissioners suggested the turtle platform be removed. Eileen will talk to the turtle expert at Monmouth University to see if

the floating islands are sufficient. Gary moved to accept the Budget Memo and submit it to the Municipalities. Jenn seconded. All approved. Gail will submit to Eileen and Kevin to forward to the appropriate municipal employee.

### DPW

AP

Anthony is looking for rocks to fill holes. "Grates" were suggested and will be explored however animals often chew through them. Rocks keep falling through. The holes will have caution signs put up around them.

Eileen said there was no update on the outfall pipe on the east end to the ocean.

Ed will coordinate with Doug and DPW to secure floating islands. Possibly first week of June.

Jim and Keith walked the Lake to inspect for beautification potential and safety issues. A discussion of the sidewalks came up again. Gail will forward Jim all emails and paperwork about the sidewalks from Doug for historical perspective. Gail suggested Jim speak with Doug. Jim spoke to the OGCMA which stated that the fire lanes were the CMA responsibility, but the sidewalks were the homeowners. Gail explained that Doug advocated for Neptune or OGCMA to maintain sidewalks as if they were on Green Acres around the Lake.

Ed and Jenn said the raingardens need maintenance. Gail will get a list of plants in the gardens and Ed and Jenn will take a look to see what can be done. Gail stated the Agreement with OGCMA is that the Commission is responsible for maintenance.

### Neptune

Kevin expressed concern about a resident along the Lake that complained about the aerator water spray. Gail reminded all that the aerator is to be placed closer to Asbury side and further west away from the resident's house. Gail also reminded Anthony that aerators should have lights when reordered and if a new one is purchased to the west end, it should have a lower spray. Perhaps the east and west end aerators can be switched.

### Water Testing

Gail reminded everyone about the Monmouth University Water Testing/Quality Meeting on June 23. (CLONET) Although Gail does water testing, she is on vacation. Jim and Eileen will attend. Doug will give a present. Gail sent him the power point. Gary and Jim volunteered to help with water testing.

## Bridges

Two articles have been in the Coaster about the bridge repairs. Keith Daly from Neptune gave Gail and Doug an update on the bridges:

*" Here's a bit of background info: a few years ago, I submitted a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request through Congressman Pallone and Senator Booker. The total estimate for restoring the bridges and implementing streetscape improvements was approximately \$4.2M (if memory serves). We were awarded \$1M for design and construction, which I determined would be sufficient to cover structural improvements and limited ADA access upgrades at the western bridge. Much of this will need to be worked through in more detail in the coming months and we'll need to figure out the best to use the money for the limited improvements. I also recently submitted an additional CDS request through Senator Booker's office for the remaining \$3.2M. We'll see how that turns out. Have a great day and I'm sure we'll be in touch of the coming months."*

## Geese Management

Concerns over the person who feeds geese and ducks on the west end came up again. Anthony said she must be caught on camera and police must be present when she is feeding the waterfowl in order to stop her. Jim asked if grass could be planted on the water's edge there and Melvin expressed concern about maintenance.

The number of geese on the eastern end is much less than last year. There are two adult swans on the Lake and there were two babies. One is left.

Gail asked Anthony to get us a report from Geese Chasers on the number of eggs addressed and number of nests found.

## Pond Weed

Gail said there were signs around the Lake indicating it was treated for pond weed on May 8.

## Monmouth Coastal Watershed Partnership

Gail contacted Keith Daly at Melvins suggestion to see if Wesley Lake should have a representative at the meetings. He said they were only discussing Sylvan Lake and Lake Alberta at this time.

## New Business

Gail indicated a dog fell into the Lake near Founders Park a few weeks ago in the middle of night. The owner did not have it on a leash. 911 was called. Gail requested a means of

egress on eastern end. Eileen explained it was under iSTAR domain. Calling 911 is an appropriate response.

Gail made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM and Kevin seconded. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by: Gail Rosewater