

**June 17, 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  
Gary Iott  
Ed Lacombe, Treasurer  
Barbara Lesinski  
Doug McQueen, Vice Chair  
Jim Rokosny  
Gail Rosewater, Chair  
Anthony Thompson, APDPW

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:04 PM with member roll call/introductions and reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Member of Public: Bruce Chin, Ocean Grove, Lake Ave.

Approval of Minutes:

Jim moved to accept the minutes of May 20, 2025, and Eileen seconded. All others voted in favor. Gail will forward minutes to municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Discussion: Doug asked for clarification on the comment in the minutes on the egress from the Lake not being a possibility from iSTAR property. Eileen will get clarification. Doug also asked if there would be streetscape improvement on Lake Ave after 400 Lake construction is finished. Road is torn up and bump outs would be desirable.

Membership

No Report

Treasurer's Report

Ed reported there was a balance of \$19,553.55. Barb moved to accept the report, Eileen seconded, all approved.

## DPW/AP

Anthony explained that someone stole their rowboat, but it has been replaced.

Aerators are now in. An Ocean Grove resident who lives on the Lake expressed concern to both DPW's concerned that the droplets from the breeze are damaging and asked that the aerator be moved. It was placed closer to AP side, but Anthony will look into moving it to other side of western footbridge. Additional cables may be necessary. Commissioners expressed concern as to whether the aerator should be moved at all as there is no evidence that the spray is harmful.

The timers on the aerators need to be adjusted.

Dr Brown questioned the acquisition of lights for aerators. DPW tried one and it would not work. We may have to wait until we buy new aerators.

The Lake has been treated twice this spring for algae/pond weed by TIGRIS. They explained that it is difficult to determine if our pond weed is Harmful. In order to determine if it is a water sample that needs to be taken to identify and count algae under a microscope. TIGRIS can perform for \$155.00. They also said the environmental conditions did not present any concerns at this moment, so it is unlikely it is harmful. The Commission agreed the Lake looks a lot better so no action will be taken at this time. Jim requested the schedule of maintenance for pond weed and suggested that Gail do a press release on social media to explain to the public what is being done. There have been comments on NEXT DOOR about the appearance of the Lake. Doug responded to them. Gail will do a proactive press release.

Jim asked if the herbicide was harmful to people or pets. Doug explained that TRIBUNE blocks photosynthesis, so it is not harmful.

The lights in the lake will be repaired or replaced by Ed and DPW while they are out securing the islands. Ed requested \$1200.00 to get parts for the lights/new lights. Barb moved and Gary seconded. All approved.

The floating islands still need to be put back in place. The loss of the rowboat delayed it. Keith and Ed put a map together to tell DPW where the islands should go. Ed has done the

preparation work with cinderblocks and chains and will assist DPW. Doug will assist also with his kayak.

### Raingardens

Gail sent a picture to Steve Souza who designed the rain gardens as part of the 319 H Grant. He responded by saying there is a lot of mugwort present which is not good. Its persistent and invasive. It needs to be removed roots and all. He said we need to avoid using mulch since it tends to be loaded with weed seeds. He will send a recommendation for planting.

Gail walked around the raingardens with Don Brockel (Deal Lake). The raingardens need maintenance. Gail will get a list of plants for the gardens and Doug; Ed and Jenn will take a look to see what can be done. Don suggested planting some new seeds and taking out individual weeds as they can. However the rain gardens are still working properly and reducing a direct flow of rainwater into the Lake.

Dr Brown explained that some levels of weeds are fine for raingardens. He offered a list of plants appropriate to plant. Gail will send to members.

Gail stated the Agreement with OGCMA is that the Commission is responsible for maintenance.

### CLONET

Doug reminded everyone about the Monmouth University Water Testing/Quality Meeting on June 23. (CLONET)Although Gail does water testing, she is on vacation. Doug, Jim and Eileen will attend. Doug will give a presentation.

### Bridge

Keith Daly indicated to Gail that he cannot give us a copy of the RFP. Doug and Jim will both attempt to get it. Keith said only after procurement is it available. Eileen will get clarification from Asbury Park as to if that is our process.

### Geese Management

Keith expressed concern that the goose poop on the Ocean Grove wester side is very bad. Gail sent an email to Melvin to see if it can be washed. It is unclear if the Geese Chasers are going to the OG side. Eileen will look into it.

Anthony has been unable to get us a report from Geese Chasers on the number of eggs addressed and number of nests found. He will ask again.

#### Safety and Beautification Ocean Grove Side

Jim and Keith walked the Lake to inspect for beautification potential and safety issues. They prepared a report that was sent to Commissioners yesterday on all aspects of what needs to be done around the Lake OG side. Gail will look forward to Melvin and Kevin.

Sidewalks continue to be a big concern. Gail has sent Jim all emails and paperwork about the sidewalks from Doug for historical perspective. Jim spoke to the OGCMA which stated that the fire lanes were the CMA responsibility, but the sidewalks were the homeowners. Jim asked if there was any enforcement of that. It does not seem so.

Doug and Barb said that the sidewalks/public right of way is not removed from Green Acres, but OGCMA still get a tax exemption for that area.

Barb made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM and Doug seconded. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by: Gail Rosewater