

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

In Attendance:

Eileen Chapman, AP Council Representative  
Keith Fiori  
Melvin Fitzpatrick, Neptune DPW  
Gary Iott  
Ed Lacombe, Treasurer  
Barbara Lesinski  
Jim Rokosny  
Gail Rosewater, Chair  
Anthony Thompson, APP

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

Approval of Minutes:

Ed moved to accept the minutes of June 17, 2025, and Barb 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 \$19,457.08. Chains and fasteners for the lights were purchased. Barb moved to accept the report, Eileen seconded, all approved.

DPW/AP

Anthony explained that a motor was needed for the DPW boat to move islands. Eileen will talk to City Manager for approval. Lights were all replaced. Five were free/under warranty.

Aerators are now in. West end not working right. May need to be in deeper section of Lake. Anthony will look. Greg sent an email to Gail stating additional cables will not be purchased.

One floating island still needs to be put back in place, one was done recently.

Gail asked Anthony about the signs along Lake that say Pesticide was applied on July 8 near Heck St bridge by "Controlled Growth and Lawn and Tree Care". Anthony will find out.

### Raingardens

They are full of growth. Steve Souza, who designed raingardens made the following notations in an email to Gail.

"This is an actual list of seeds and plants that we've used in the past to construct low-maintenance rain gardens and bioretention basins. This is the planting plan for a 1/4-acre bioretention basin (the grasses at the bottom of the table were used only to stabilize areas that were disturbed during the construction of the basin).

You'll need to first till and remove as much mug wort plant and root matter as possible. Its a very difficult plant to eradicate. Typically it requires treatment with an herbicide. But these rain gardens are small enough that if you extensively till the bottom you should be able to get a handle on the mug wort. But even so may require some hand pulling later on.

I'd only plant the little bluestem and purple top (both are perennial grasses) through the center of the rain garden. If you can't find purple top, substitute a clump grass like Indian grass. The grasses are low maintenance, drought tolerant and can take a lot of punishment. I'd then plant the coneflower and black eyed Susan around the perimeter. Don't bother with the other plants. Although goldenrod is a great rain garden plant, people often confuse it with ragweed. Goldenrod is NOT an allergen. However, it grows very aggressively and can over. Plus it grows tall (4-5 feet). Another flowering plant you can use is common milkweed. It also is very aggressive and will spread quickly. It also grows tall (4 feet), so if you use it try to plant it towards the center of the rain garden and not around the perimeter. If you need more assistance let me know...Note that the plants in this list are mostly facultative upland species, meaning they can take 72+ hours of immersion with no impact but are equally happy when its dry. Also, the grasses are deep rooted and will help maintain the porosity of the soil aiding in the dewatering of the rain garden.

Finally, DO NOT use any mulch. Oftentimes it's compromised with weed seeds. If you want to add anything after planting use certified compost, specifically aged leaf mulch. But again be careful of the source. I have a feeling a lot of the mugwort infestation was due to mulch."

## MEADOW SEED MIX: SOWN IN ALL AREAS DESIGNATED AS MEADOW

BOTANICAL NAME:	SPECIES NAME:	APPROXIMATE RATE (LBS PUR LIVE SEED/ACRE)
ECHINACEA PURPUREA	PURPLE CONEFLOWER	1/2
ERAGROSTIS SPECTABILIS	PURPLE LOVEGRASS	4
LOLIUM MULTIFLORUM	ANNUAL RYE	15
PERSICARIA PENNSYLVANICA	PENNSYLVANIA SMARTWEED	2
RUDBECKIA HIRTA	BLACK EYED SUSAN	1/4
SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM	LITTLE BLUE STEM	6
TRIDENS FLACUS	PURPLETOP	2
SYMPHYOTRICHUM LATERIFLORUM	CALICO ASTER	1/8
SOLIDAGO JUNECA	EARLY GOLDENROD	1/4
CHAMAECRISTA FASCICULATA	PARTRIDGE PEA	1

## LAWN RESTORATION SEED MIX: TO BE SOWN IN ALL AREAS OF DISTURBANCE EXCLUDING DESIGNATED AREA

BOTANICAL NAME:	SPECIES NAME:	APPROXIMATE RATE (LBS PUR LIVE SEED/ACRE)
FESTUCA BREVIPILA	HARD FESCUE	120
LOLIUM PERENNE	PERENNIAL RYEGRASS	30
POA PRATENSIS	KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS	40

### CLONET/Water Testing

Doug presented on Wesley Lake at the June 2, forum at Monmouth University. Gary has offered to do testing at Fletcher Lake and Wesley and Jim offered to do Wesley. They both have had one session of training with Gail. Additional supplies from Monmouth will be requested for Gary.

### Bridge

Doug received all the documents he requested from the Neptune City Clerk showing progress on awards for funding in the last few months. \$160,000 was awarded to CME Associates for surveying, permitting, environmental review, preparation of plans and specification, bidding, administration and construction inspection of the western footbridge.

### Geese Management

Keith expressed concern that the goose poop on the Ocean Grove west side is very bad. It is better after a hard rain. Geese Chasers ARE going to the OG side. Until mid-August the feathers do not enable them to fly. Barb suggested Keith and Jim ask their neighbors to hunt for eggs and nests in the spring.

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 on all aspects of what needs to be done around the Lake OG side. Gail forwarded it to Melvin and Kevin. Holes have been filled. Keith requested the sidewalk edging and trim trees growing over sidewalk be trimmed. Melvin indicated he is reviewing it.

### Flooding

Eileen said there is a meeting scheduled with officials in Neptune and Asbury Park next week to discuss the Outfall pipe and flooding issues.

Flooding depends on the amount of rain that falls and how quickly, the tide, wind and if gate is open. Gail requested an explanation for Asbury Park's flood preparation and warnings. Eileen said she would talk to the City Manager. Anthony said the gates are open if two inches of rain or more is predicted.

The amount of silt coming into Lake is making flooding worse. Silt is coming in from drains behind PNC in Neptune. Melvin will look at it.

The Lake House contacted Gail to discuss the flooding. She encouraged him to speak with the City and invited him to attend our meeting.

Barb made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM and Keith seconded. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by: Gail Rosewater