

July 27, 2021
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Dr. James Brown
Keith Fiori
Ed Lacombe
Joseph Leone
Tee Lesinski
Gail Rosewater
Jenn Schimpf

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

Approval of Minutes

Tee moved and Dr. Brown seconded. All Commissioners approved minutes from June 15, 2021. They will be sent to the municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Open Public Portion

No members of the public present

Standard Reports:

Membership:

Gail reported that Rick Cuttrell from Neptune Township indicated Joseph does not get sworn in due to the fact he is a representative of David Milmoie.

DPW

Gail stressed the importance of DPW keeping the Commission informed of any construction, etc. that might affect water going into the Lake.

Keith indicated maintenance on the sidewalks on the Ocean Grove side has not been done. This has been going on for many years. It is dangerous. Joe indicated that the tax map clearly showed that OGCMA owned the sidewalks by the fire lanes that are in such bad condition. Joe communicated with Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association (Steve), and he will follow up. Gail will reach out to Reverend Mitchell, Commission Secretary, and ask her to speak with the

OGCMA. Commissioners expressed a desire to contact the press about this issue since we seem to be getting nowhere.

Ed has not had a chance to give APDPW the lake lights that need to be fixed but he will.

Gail expressed appreciation to both Joe and Robert for the work the DPW's have been doing around the Lake and with keeping the water clear of floatables. Joe also had the holes filled and cut branches and picked up litter.

Treasurer:

Ed presented: Balance: \$14,202.72. Keith moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tee seconded. All approved.

Old Business

Geese Control:

Gail observed that there were a lot less Geese around than prior years. Other bird varieties have been seen around the Lake also.

Gail reached out to Robert Lane from Fletcher Lake to attend our meetings and learn what we had done since they have a lot of Geese.

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. They came again July 6 and 23. Dead weeds are floating on top of the water and unsightly. Treatment does not seem to be harming the floating islands. There are no treatments east of Heck St. footbridge.

Bridges

No report

New Business

Water Quality

As a follow up to a member of the publics request at the last meeting, and the Commissions desire to pursue the topic, Gail held a zoom meeting with Jason Adolf from Monmouth University, Jack Szczepanski from Princeton Hydro (319H Grant), Eileen Chapman, Dr, James Brown, Mark Ax and Barbara Krzak (Sunset Lake). Gail invited NJDEP and they referred her back

to Jason Adolf and then to Bureau Chief Robert Schuster, NJDEP's Bureau of Marine Water Monitoring.

Gail reported that Jason indicated that since 2019 there have been high ammonia levels in Wesley Lake. It could be a possible indicator of wastewater. He agreed to do Fecal Indicator Bacteria testing which will show if the ammonia levels are because of warm-blooded animals' fecal bacteria in the Lake. It won't tell us what kind of animal. Currently Monmouth University tests for Chlorophyll, Nitrogen, Total Phosphorous, Nitrate, Ammonia, Dissolved Phosphate.

Jack agreed to get pricing on petrol chemical analysis of the Lake. He said that the Governor has put 10 million in the budget for lakes. Any data we have could help us in applying for a grant. Jack suggested we ask NJDEP if there is any history of heavy metal in our coastal lakes. Gail will do that. Jason Adolf said that water depth could be increased by floating islands. This would be very positive.

Keith F. requested we get pricing for sediment testing, and he will investigate that. Keith also requested the west end aerator be removed if it can not be moved to deeper water or fixed. Gail will email Robert about that and to see if the amount of the water in the Lake could be increased.

Anti-Harassment Training

Gail reminded Asbury Park Commissioners to take the training that was sent out to all. Gail will check to see if Neptune appointees need to take it.

Friends and Citizens of Wesley Lake

There will be a fall cleanup. Date to be announced.

Gail moved and Tee seconded to close the meeting at 7:50 PM. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gail Rosewater