

# Wesley Lake Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chair Gail Rosewater, flag salute was led, and notice of the NJ Open Public Meetings Act was read.

Members in attendance were: Gail Rosewater, Keith Fiori, Jim Henry, Reverend Beth Whalley Mitchell, Mark Balzarano, Bill McClave, Doug McQueen.

No members of the public were present. CME Environmental Specialist Joe Giddings, CME Associates, Consultation and Municipal Engineering, Project Manager, was present.

Minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting were read and approved, subject to two corrections suggested by Jim Henry - a typo on last page and use of the term "weir instead of "retention wall" on page two. (Bill McClave, Jim Henry)

Membership: Gail Rosewater had each member introduce themselves to new member Reverend Beth Whalley Mitchell, who likewise introduced herself. Gail Rosewater noted that the Commission still does not have a designated Secretary. Gail Rosewater also noted that Asbury Park still has a vacant "alternate" position, which they will plan to designate after the Asbury Park Council's January reorganization meeting. Doug McQueen swore in new member Reverend Beth Whalley Mitchell to the Commission.

Treasurer: Jim Henry gave the Treasurer's Report. The Commission has a balance of \$16,787.96. Jim provided an explanation of the Employee Identification Number ("EIN" or taxpayer number) issue. The JCP & L bill used the Citizens and Friends of Wesley Lake EIN # and we have been working to get JCP & L bill sent to Neptune using their EIN number. It appears that it now may have been reassigned to Neptune for billing as we have not received a bill. Jim will report at next meeting on this issue. Report approved. (Bill McClave, Mark Balzarano) Jim asked that we consider discontinuing the Post Office Box as of April 2019 since the only mail we get there is the JCP & L bill. This will be looked at in 2019.

Gail asked for approval of the 2019 Budget Request to municipalities. She explained it is not up to the Commission to get prices for capital items for the annual budgets aside from annual pond weed treatment. The municipalities can do that. We can assist if we feel it is necessary. Budget was approved at \$15,000 and Gail will email to City Managers.

Gail Rosewater suggested that the Friends of Wesley Lake work on fundraising for getting a dock put into the lake for recreational boating and improved access.

Gail Rosewater discussed an email from Michael Capabianco to Dr Brantley regarding a meeting they had to discuss a joint plan for dredging the weir area at the west end of the lake. Asbury Park is asking their engineer T & M, to prepare a quote to survey the amount of dredging/spoils and the price for removal. Once estimate is prepared Michael Capabianco and Dr. Brantley would meet again. Both municipalities would share the cost.

Joe, from CME described the weir area at the west end as a "sedimentary forebay," meaning an area where sediment can settle before flowing into the rest of the lake.

Gail Rosewater discussed that the Deal Lake Commission's meeting for the NJDEP Section 319H grant will be held on December 6th.

Gail Rosewater discussed that Asbury Park did not receive any award from their application for a recent NJDEP Planning Grant because Wesley Lake did not score well on two of the grant criteria. Gail sent an email to the AP City Planner to ask about the availability of TAP Grants.

Pond Weed: Gail Rosewater will email Neptune Township/Black Lagoon regarding the 2019 treatment plan for pond weed. The contract signed last year was for two years.

Gail Rosewater met with New Jersey State Senator Vin Gopal to discuss the regional importance of coastal lakes like Wesley Lake and the needs of the lakes.

New Business: The Commission moved to cancel the November 2018 meeting, since that meeting falls on Thanksgiving week and many members may not be able to attend.

Gail Rosewater brought up a concern from the community about the color of the railings (black) that were painted on the Heck/Lake Street Bridge. They used to be silver. Gail contacted the City of Asbury who said there was no historic designation controlling the color of the railings. Gail also indicated that she requested in writing to the City of Asbury Park new trashcans appropriate for the wind and human traffic on Lake Ave.

Gail Rosewater advised that the Commission needs to send 2019 meeting dates to Asbury Park to include in their municipal calendars and public notices.

Commissioners discussed whether it would be advantageous to schedule Wesley Lake Commission meetings for the second Tuesday of each month, instead of the third Tuesday currently. The elected leaders of the Commission from both towns, as well as Jim Henry, often have schedule conflicts on the third Tuesday. Gail Rosewater and Doug McQueen moved to approve the second Tuesday of each month in 2019 as the designated Wesley Lake Commission meeting date, subject to the availability of the elected members of the Commission to attend second Tuesday meetings and the availability of a designated meeting room in Asbury Park or Neptune. Otherwise the current dates will be kept for now.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. (Mark Balzarano, Doug McQueen)

Respectfully Submitted  
Doug McQueen