

Wesley Lake Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, November 19th 2019

Roll Call: In Attendance

Dr. James Brown
Eileen Chapman, AP City Council
Jim Henry, Treasurer
Ed Lacombe
Doug McQueen
Gail Rosewater, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Gail Rosewater
The flag salute was led, and the Open Public Meeting Act was read by chair Gail Rosewater

Minutes

Minutes from October were reviewed. The minutes were moved to accept by Eileen Chapman and seconded by Ed Lacombe. All others approved. They will be sent by Gail Rosewater to Township/City to be posted on websites.

Open Public Portion

No members from the public were in attendance

Membership

We are still waiting for a replacement for Peter Longo.

Doug McQueen made a motion a change be made to amend the current commission bylaws on what constitutes a quorum. This was done in mind with those commission members who rarely attend the monthly meetings. Doug suggested a points system to encourage participation by commission members. Points would be allocated to members based on meeting attendance as well as other connected meetings and events. Research will be done on the commission bylaws to see if such changes are allowable.

Jim Henry discussed the idea of changing the meeting date and time due to his conflict of serving on the ESTC board which occurs at the same date and time. Research to be done on available locations and times before a determination is made as to a potential change.

Dr Brown suggested involving local students on events on the lake and commission meetings to generate interest amongst the students. He suggested the idea of creating a commission position of a student member to help generate interest in lake happenings.

Treasurers Report

The current balance is \$18,362.66. No expenditures noted since the previous month. Eileen C moved to accept and Doug M seconded it. All approved Treasurers Report.

Pond Weed

Contract has ended and Gail R has emailed both municipalities looking for companies and quotes for next year. Eileen will follow up.

Watershed and Storm Water

On 11/1 commission members Gail R, Ed L, Doug M and Eileen C attended at Monmouth U the fall 2019 workshop of the Coastal Lakes Observing Network (CLONet) run by Professor Jason Adolf. The workshop was to present data captured by citizen scientists at a number of coastal lakes in Monmouth County, including Wesley Lake. Information can be found on the CLONet website, <https://www.monmouth.edu/clonet/field-data/> This is a 2 year program so data will continue to be collected and compared against information gathered in 2019.

Doug M discussed a conversation with Dr Sterrett from Monmouth U about installing turtle basking platforms. These platforms would help enable the turtles to thermoregulate themselves as the lake provide no real natural spots for the turtles to do that themselves. There certainly are some turtles in the lake so platforms would help enable the population to thrive and grow. Doug has emailed Dr Sterrett and suggested he attend a future Wesley Lake Commission meeting.

Ocean Grove North End Development

Gail R and Dr Brown attended a recent Neptune Council meeting on 11 13 19 on Ocean Grove north end development. Final approval has not happened, but designs were provided which are on the Neptune website. It calls for the creation of 144 underground parking spots as well as 10 single family homes, 39 condos and 40 hotel rooms. Dr Brown was impressed with the design of the redevelopment and felt it compatible with the historic character of Ocean Grove. Questions arose as to the stormwater runoff and can that runoff go to Wesley Lake. Doug M will reach out to Peter Avakian, engineer employed by Neptune Township, to hopefully get clarity as to water runoff and the two existing storm pipes that are to handle runoff. A Neptune planning board meeting is scheduled on 12/11/19 7 PM to continue to discuss the north end development. Commission members are encouraged to attend to represent our concern on the potential impact on Wesley Lake and the water quality of the lake.

Public Outreach

Dr Brown discussed the creation of a website for the Wesley Lake Commission which he would be involved with creating. Dr Brown advocated involving students from Brookdale CC to assist with the creation of the website to help stimulate community involvement with the Wesley Lake Commission.

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Gail received the following information from the Deal Lake Commission: Due to an issue of ground depth on the AP side there was a change in design. This issue will place the biofilter on the OG side. Two tree boxes to be placed in AP, one in Kennedy Park and the other by the Civil War Memorial near Cookman and Grand and maybe two in Ocean Grove. On Deal Lake a treatment device will be placed on Memorial Drive near Buskerdoos. Sunset Lake to place two treatment devices on Grand Ave, a floating island in the lake and three tree boxes. Sunset Lake will get 2 treatment devices and some tree boxes and floating islands.

Jim H moved and Doug M seconded the meeting close at 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Ed Lacombe