

Minutes
WESLEY LAKE COMMISSION
October 15, 2019

-Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm by Chair, Gail Rosewater
-Roll Call – Gail Rosewater, Keith Fiori, Ed Lacombe, Rev. B W Mitchell, Dr. James Brown, Mark Balzarano were in attendance

-Open Public Meeting Act read and Flag Salute by the Chair

-Approval of September minutes. Gail made corrections: \$80,000 not \$70,000 amount for bridge repair in budget request for 2020. Gail mentioned she had informed Commission last month that Ben Matlock, Engineer, will attend every other meeting and asked for that to be added to minutes. Keith motioned; Ed seconded. All approved.

- Open Public Portion- Mike Castellano from Surf Rider Foundation Jersey Shore reported that their participation in the Annual Wesley Lake Clean Up organized by Citizens and Friends for Wesley Lake for October 19, 9-12 are in place. 50-100 people expected to participate. Renova Environmental Services has agreed to sponsor the cleanup. The HOLD ONTO YOUR BUTT Campaign will be part of the cleanup that day to reduce the number of cigarette butts littered around the Lake.

-Membership- Dr. Brantley asked Gail to report that Neptune will hold a meet and greet in December to recruit new commission members.

-Treasurers Report-

There was a \$364.03 expense by Keith for 100 pocket ash trays, designed by Keith with the Commission and Surf Rider logos on them. They will be distributed during the upcoming weekend to local businesses and bars. Current Balance is \$18,362.66.

2020 Budget Request to two municipalities was submitted for \$652,400
shared portion Asbury Park \$329,850.00
shared portion Neptune \$ 322,350.00

-Watershed- Gail mentioned that Michael Capabianco said it is \$100,000 (estimate) to remove sediment before dredging can even occur.

Water Quality Testing is now every other week. Monmouth University Seminar will be held on Nov. 1, to review data collected from sample testing. Water testers are invited to attend.

OG North End Development- the Neptune Planning Bd meets on 4th Wednesday of the month- we need to watch the agenda to see when this topic will be addressed and give our input to protect the Lake.

- 319 H Grant-Sunset Lake should begin getting floating islands next spring. A breakfast for municipal staff will be held soon.

-DPW's-Mark explained that Scepter's filter out debris from storms. Wesley Lake debris is now removed in timely fashion by DPW.

-Pond Weed Treatment contract is finished. Need to renew for the future. Gail will email both municipalities to get this started.

-Public Outreach- See comments under Public Portion for cigarette ash tray and lake clean up

-Citizens and Friends for Wesley Lake- See Public Portion/Treasurers

-Camp Meeting Association- Reverend Mitchell stated that she carried the concerns of the Lake Commission to the Camp Meeting Association as appropriate.

-New Business

Keith inquired about the idea of 'capping' the old metal wall surrounding the Lake with a 'wood' product. Hoping to get a conversation going.

Gail will make a presentation on the Commission on October 16, to recruit new members for the City of Asbury Park. Gail asked for ideas for accomplishments.

Offered by Commissioners:

- Recognition of greater coordination and cooperation between Asbury Park and Neptune Twp.
- Commission is getting the public involved with a more environmental consciousness.
- Beginning to understand that the lake is a 'water shed' with drainage from as far away as Rt. 18 and Rt. 35.
- Garbage cans emptied regularly and seeing less 'litter.'
- Lake looks better than it has in a long time

Meeting closed at 8: 21 pm.

Minutes submitted by Reverend Beth W. Mitchell

