

January 21, 2025
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Dr. James Brown
Eileen Chapman, AP Council Representative
Keith Fiori
Melvin Fitzpatrick, Neptune DPW
Gary Iott
Ed Lacombe, Treasurer
Barbara Lesinski
Gail Rosewater, Chair
Jenn Schimpf, Secretary
Anthony Thompson, AP DPW

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:03 PM with member roll call and reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Member of Public: None Present

Approval of Minutes:

Jenn moved to accept the minutes of December 17, 2024, and Ed seconded. All others voted in favor. Gail will forward minutes to municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Membership

Kevin McMillian, Deputy Mayor of Neptune was appointed to fill Keith Cafferty's vacancy and Melvin Fitzpatrick, the new Director of DPW for Neptune will fill Joe Leone's position. Dr Brown, Gary Iott and Keith Fiori were reappointed until 12/27. Veronika's seat was replaced with Rev. Beth Whalley Mitchell who resigned several years ago. Gail contacted Neptune and asked for James Rokosny to be considered to fill the vacancy. He had submitted an application last fall.

Eileen reported all Asbury Park emails have changed to first [name.lastname@asburypark.gov](mailto:firstname.lastname@asburypark.gov)

Gail asked for nominations and or approval of Slate of Officers for voting in February. All approved.

Gail Rosewater, Chair

Doug McQueen, Vice Chair

Ed Lacombe, Treasurer

Jenn Schimpf, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Ed reported that the balance is \$17,732.56. \$223.78 was spent on materials to secure the islands. Ed will submit the requests to both municipalities for their \$1,000 annual contribution. Eileen asked that she be copied as well as acting City Manager John Hayes and Joann Boos the Financial Officer. Gina La Placa, Neptune Business Administrator, is the appropriate person for Neptune. The requests will be emailed.

APPA

Ed brought up the issue of the islands needing to be resecured. This will be done when the weather gets better. Eileen said APDPW will secure Sunset Lakes and can do Wesley's same day. Heavier chains and cinder blocks need to be used. Ed will coordinate with DPW.

Eileen said the outfall pipe on the east end to the ocean has shifted and collapsed. Eileen met with the City Engineer and spoke to State Representative Luanne Peterpaul and Senator Vin Gopal about the issues. The Engineer is writing a report. They will meet with NJ DEP to solve the problem.

iSTAR has completed a study of the flood issue and it will help with examining the issue. The City has a copy.

Anthony said that he can be called or emailed for DPW requests.

Neptune DPW

Melvin said he could be emailed for work requests. The cages on the west end were repaired/replaced.

Keith F. sent pictures of the west end of the Lake when water was very low, showing garbage and a hole in the cage. Garbage went into the Lake. The pictures can be used to advocate for dredging.

Bridges

Keith Daly, Consultant, Neptune, informed Gail that the Grant Acceptance Package was sent in for the proposed work to HUD. They are waiting for approval. Barbara asked Gail to request a copy of what was sent to HUD.

Geese

Contract awarded to Geese Chasers. We used this company for several years and they were successful. The goose problem is very bad at this point.

VFW

Commissioners had asked about the possibility of Eileen speaking to the developer of the VFW building to donate money to the Lake. Gail spoke to Eileen who asked for a specific suggestion of what to ask for. Keith suggested \$20,000 to start a dredging fund and Gail suggested a donation to the Environmental Shade Tree Commission for a garden at the corner of Bond and Lake Ave. Several other suggestions were made: new railings and gardens around parking lot, dredging only the small area on the west end or aerator with lights. Eileen will consider the options.

New Business

Asbury Park sent letters to Commissioners indicating that ZOOM meetings were no longer permitted. Gail will plan for future meetings to be held in person.

Barb made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 PM and Ed seconded. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by: Gail Rosewater

