

February 18, 2025
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
One Municipal Plaza Asbury Park
Second Floor Conference Room

In Attendance:

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

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with member roll call/introductions and reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Member of Public: None Present

Approval of Minutes:

Jenn moved to accept the minutes of January 21, 2025, and Gary seconded. All others voted in favor. Gail will forward minutes to municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Membership

Jim Rokosny was present for his first meeting. He replaced Veronica Sensev from Neptune, who resigned last year.

Gail asked for a motion to approve the Slate of Officers. Gary moved; Dr. Brown seconded. All approved.

Gail Rosewater, Chair
Doug McQueen, Vice Chair

Ed Lacombe, Treasurer
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Treasurer's Report

Ed reported that the balance is \$17,732.56, which is the same as last month.

Ed submitted the requests to both municipalities for their \$1,000 annual contribution. Ed heard back from AP but not Neptune. It was suggested we ask for an increase in the allocation in 2026.

DPW

Eileen said the outfall pipe on the east end to the ocean has collapsed and is considered an emergency. She has been working on a solution with NJDEP and the Army Corps of engineers as well as local elected officials. A contractor has been secured, and work will begin. No water can flow from Lake to Ocean at this time.

Bridges

Keith Daly, Consultant, Neptune, informed Gail that the Grant Acceptance Package was sent in for the proposed work to HUD via computer/online submission. He discussed with Gina LaPlaca our interest in participating in the initiative.

Geese Management

Contract awarded to Geese Chasers. They started 1/21/25. Gail gets an email when they are on site which is usually once per day. Dead birds have been found in the area, although not around Wesley Lake. Commissioners discussed the importance of not touching dead birds. ASPCA or NJDEP should be called if dead birds are found. Number of geese around the Lake has already gone down.

New Business

Don Brockel from the Deal Lake Commission reached out to Gail to request we participate in a three lake clean up on April 4, in the morning. It is a Community Service Project of the Key Club which is the Junior part of the

Kiwanis Club. More information will be forthcoming. Clean Ocean Action is also doing a clean up in April as is the AP Quality of Life Committee.

Dr Brown passed pictures of lighted aerators around and encouraged the Commission to purchase them. Eileen said she would talk to Greg, acting director for APDPW to see if they could purchase one as they were replacing the west end aerator this spring anyway.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: Gail Rosewater