

June 18, 2024
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Dr. James Brown
Eileen Chapman
Ed Lacombe
Barbara Lesinski
Gail Rosewater
Jennifer Schimpf

Guests: No members of the public present

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:10 PM with member roll call and reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Approval of Minutes:

Barbara L. moved to accept the minutes of April 16, 2024, and Ed L. seconded. All others voted in favor. Gail will forward minutes to municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Membership

Gary Lott submitted his application for Commission member for Neptune. Gail has requested an update from Neptune but has not received an answer.

Treasurer's Report

Ed reported that the balance is \$18,354.20. Barb moved and Dr. Brown seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. All approved. Gail asked if she could have \$143.00 to reimburse her for signs that were put in Rain gardens that say: DO NOT DISTURB OR ALTER PALNTING to give a stronger message to those who have planted or trimmed the gardens. They were once again trimmed and planted in. Barb offered and Dr. Brown seconded. All approved.

Ed asked Eileen to look into the Commission moving some of its money to a CD. She will get back to us.

DPW

No members of the DPW's were present. Various issues were discussed with APDPW at a meeting on June 11, set up by Eileen Chapman for the 3 Lakes. Gail and Ed represented Wesley as follows::

1. Ed requested assistance in securing the floating islands and lights from AP DPW. Dan from APDPW had indicated to Ed he would assist.
2. Gail requested the storm drains/treatment devices be cleaned by APDPW. They are the main responsibility of an employee who is on leave. Eileen said she would inform the City Manager of the issue. Greg, the deputy DPW for AP said he would look into it and forwarded Gail a map of where the treatment devices are. Gail forwarded it to the Commission members last week.
3. Dan reported to Gail and Ed that the west aerator is broken, and they are waiting for parts.

Geese

Birds Beware submitted a report to Gail on their visits to the Lake which are almost daily. Gail requested a report on the number of nests/eggs addressed but has not received. There are less geese on the Lake now than there were in April. Eileen reported that one employee for DPW has a certificate to adle eggs.

Pond Weed

Lake was treated on June 10.

Flooding

IStar did a report on storm water and flooding and Eileen is trying to get a copy. Per Eileen, Jason Herold, Asbury Park engineer, wrote a letter to NJDEP and Neptune to express our concerns about the flooding issue, especially with the OG North End Development. Greg and Dan explained to Ed and Gail on June 11, that

there is a system for lowering the Lake. Greg also told them that NJIT met with the City to supply costs on various “fixes.”

Eileen explained that Wesley Lake is now a tidal lake, not fluvial, which affects development requirements.

Via chat Dr. Brown stated, he believes more money to drain the Lake in severe weather is needed.

Friends and Citizens

Barbara said she received the replacement Watershed sign to put by Heck St. bridge and will have it put up.

Footbridges

Gail asked for an update from Keith Cafferty on the status of the footbridge repairs. Gail said she thought the 1 million allocated to it for the federal government via Congressman Pallone was priority #1 of the condition assessment and maintenance recommendations done by T & M Associates back in 2021 for Floor beam Rehabilitation.

New Business

Gail informed the Commission there were two meetings (6/6 and 6/11) arranged by Eileen for Deal, Sunset and Wesley Lakes to meet to discuss issues. She plans to continue the meetings and bring in ESTC and Green Team etc. to coordinate our work. Eileen also said that Sunset Lake will have art benches and a playground installed from the Participatory Budget Grant.

Gail said she was concerned about the rocks from the lakeside gardens installed by the ESTC because children were throwing rocks in the Lake. She said meeting with all the various commissions could work things like this out.

Gail informed everyone that a new sprinkler system along the Lake on Lake Ave. was being installed to keep gardens watered.

Barb made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM and Eileen seconded.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gail Rosewater