

August 19, 2025
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
One Municipal Plaza Asbury Park
Second Floor Conference Room

In Attendance:

Dr Brown
Eileen Chapman, AP Council Representative
Keith Fiori
Gary Iott
Ed Lacombe, Treasurer
Jim Rokosny
Gail Rosewater, Chair
Anthony Thompson, APP

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:06 PM with member roll call/introductions and reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Public

Philip Orton, Associate Research Professor from Stevens Institute of Technology attended the meeting. He informed the Commission that through his knowledge of physical oceanography and coastal engineering he may have skills to assist us in understanding how tides and rain combine to create flooding in coastal lakes.

Philip asked about dredging the Lake. We explained the need for funding. Keith asked if the west end silt could be moved to the east end, if not removed from the lake.

Approval of Minutes:

Gary moved to accept the minutes of July 15, 2025, and Jim seconded. All others voted in favor. Gail will forward minutes to municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Membership

No Report

Treasurer's Report

Ed reported there was a balance of \$19,430.88. More chains and fasteners for the lights and floating islands were purchased. Eileen moved to accept the report, Keith seconded, all approved.

Pond Weed

Gail received a report from TIGRIS/Stephen Buchanan on July 17 indicating that the lake had been suffering from heavy rainfall and had decaying organic matter along with debris. He explained the overall biomass was very low and the dissolved oxygen had been reduced.

DPW/AP

Anthony explained that a new boat motor was secured, and the islands would be resecured. Asbury Park cut numerous trees/brush down along the west end of the lake that people were sleeping in. Ed will talk to Asbury Park DPW to get more brush cleaned up along the lake.

Neptune cleaned up the area behind the PNC that was sending garbage into the lake. They also cleaned the cages on the west end. Keith asked if the vacuum they used for that could clean out the sludge on top of water on west end. Neptune edged along the lake by sidewalks.

Raingardens

They have a lot of weeds. Ed, Keith, and Jim volunteered to remove some of the weeds.

CLONET/Water Testing

We are still waiting for Gary to get supplies so he can test Fletcher and assist with Wesley. Gary spoke to Fletcher Lake, and they agreed to work with him to test the water. Jim will meet Gail on August 30 to test the water.

Aerators

The west end aerator is turned off when lake is low. They will remove it since it seems to be off most of the time. The AP electrician will see if a cable can be purchased to move it to deeper water. Eileen will talk to city manager. Keith moved and Jim recommended \$2500 of Commission money to be offered for paying for a longer cable. All approved.

Geese Management

Anthony shared a report from April and May that stated during that time 15 goose eggs and 4 nests were addressed by Goose Chasers. The majority of them were on floating islands. Gail asked for a more up to date report. Eillen suggested we put our thoughts together and write the AP City Manager (AP hold that contract, Neptune hols contract for Pond Weed)a memo on what worked and what we would like to see differently with the Goose Chasers for next years.

Safety and Beautification Ocean Grove Side

Jim continues to meet with Ocean Grove about beatification.

Flooding/Outfall

The Neptune Engineer is supposed to get in touch with the Asbury Park Engineer.

October Meeting

Gail will ask Doug to chair meeting. She is unable to attend. If not, Ed will do it.

Gail made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM and Eileen seconded. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by: Gail Rosewater