

February 21, 2023
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Keith Cafferty
Eileen Chapman
Keith Fiori
Joe Leone
Barbara Lesinski
Doug McQueen
Gail Rosewater
Jennifer Schimpf
Veronica Sonsev

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:15 PM with member roll call and reading of the Open Public Records Act.

Approval of Minutes

Keith F. moved and Barbara seconded to approve minutes of January 2023. All Commissioners approved minutes. They will be sent to the municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Open Public Portion

No members of the public present.

Standard Reports:

Membership:

Barbara Lesinski was sworn in at AP City Hall.

Keith F., Veronika and Gail spoke with Keith Cafferty concerning Neptune's participation. Keith C. advised that Dr Brown and Reverend Mitchell should be contacted to see if they are still interested in being Commissioners. Gail will write to them. If they are not interested we will need to recruit new Neptune residents and have them fill out the application on the Townships website.

Treasurer:

No report

DPW

Joe reported that sink holes were filled, and grates will be cleaned Friday.

Barbara expressed concern over the area behind the 7-11 in strip mall and the garbage that collects there and could potentially flow into the Lake. Joe will look at it this week but he stated it is the landlords responsibility. He can ask Code Enforcement to contact landlord.

Keith F asked that the lights along the Lake in OG be fixed. Joe said they have requested this from JCP and L with no response. Keith C said they would reach out again.

Keith F. reminded Joe that gullies were created on either side of the new sidewalks in Ocean Grove and asked Joe if they could be filled before someone got hurt. Joe said this an OGCMA responsibility. Doug stopped by Code Enforcement in Neptune about the rest of the sidewalks. No one was there but he will keep trying and Keith C asked to be copied on communication.

Old Business

Geese Control:

Gail has been in contact with the Geese Management Co. It has gotten better in last few weeks, less geese.

Elected Officials Report:

Keith C. reported that he still talking with other elected officials about where sediment from dredging can be put. He spoke to Pallone and Gopal. Keith F suggested that they look into Bay Shore Recycling. MAZZA was also suggested but Keith C said they cannot take it. Neither can Army Corps. Of Engineers. Barbara said years ago it went to Loffredo Field. Eileen said she met with Arnone and the AP Engineer about dredging and where in Lake the hard surface begins. Keith C thought we could get funding for testing sediment. It was suggested that Avakian be asked if he knew if the sediment had carcinogens. Gail will send reports on water testing results done in the Fall of 2021 for Fecal and Petrol to all Commisioners.

Eileen and Keith both said that the municipal engineers could be brought into our meetings for a special occasion/issue.

Pond Weed:

We are in the second year of a two-year contract so nothing needs to be done.

Grants

Gail reported 2023 Lake Management Grant RFP has not come out. Eileen asked for link to send to City Planner. Gail will send. Its important we are ready to apply.

CLONet:

Gail asked if anyone had ideas to pass on to Monmouth University for future water quality testing. The grant is being renewed for four years. Sediment, microorganisms and pollutants were suggested. Gail reminded all that Jason Adolf from Monmouth is speaking April 20, at 6 PM at Deal Lake Commission ZOOM on the water testing program.

Friends and Citizens of Wesley Lake:

Keith F reported he communicated with Joe from Surfrider Foundation about a joint cleanup day this spring. A date will be selected. Deal and Sunset chose March 25. We will pick our own date since we get more participation that way.

AP Participatory Budget:

The Commission's proposal was selected as one of the 48 finalists. Gail will present on March 15 before the Council to attempt to move towards the next step.

Eileen moved and Barbara seconded to close the meeting at 8:09 PM. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gail Rosewater