

December 15, 2020
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Dr. James Brown
Eileen Chapman
Keith Fiori
Edward Lacombe
Patricia Lesinski
Doug McQueen
Gail Rosewater

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:04 PM with member roll call, reading of the Open Public Records Act and flag salute.

Approval of Minutes from November 10,2020: Doug so moved, and Eileen seconded. Patricia abstained. All others approved.

Open Public Portion

Ernest Mignoli of 400 Deal Lake Drive #5D expressed concern over the polluting of Wesley Lake by developers. He indicated that he believed the construction at Bond and Cookman was washing asbestos into the Lake and requested a toxicity report. Patricia and Doug expressed concern about the Main Street construction encouraged people who observed something suspicious to call the NJDEP Hotline at 877-927-6337.

Doug reported that when dredging was completed there will be silt testing which will indicate if the water quality has been negatively affected.

Eileen said that City officials discussed the pollution issue with State contractors before construction began and she will ask that someone from the City follow up on it.

Patricia said some storm drains are not covered on Main Street and she reports this, and Eileen said as soon as it is reported they are covered again. Doug said the from Cookman south on Main there is only one place water goes into the Lake. Eileen said that at one time last summer Sunset Lake was very brown, and they contacted the contractors who researched it and found out it was from something else.

Standard Reports:

Treasury: Ed Lacombe reported that we have \$16,572.73.

Membership: Gail reminded Commissioners that in January officers would need to be nominated and voted in. She said if anyone wants to be nominated, they need to think about that now and let someone know. All Neptune appointees' terms end in 12/2021. Gail asked Dr. Brown to speak to Dr. Brantley about the vacancy Neptune has. Asbury Park appointees are up for reappointment in January 2021. Gail asked Eileen if she could look into our proposed Agreement of Charter changes so that the quorum is based on how many members, we have vs. how many positions the Commission has. She said she would report back in January. Eileen said she was given the applications that had come in for new members, which was only one. Mike Castellano's application should have also been received and Keith was going to ask him to submit it again. The City Managers appointee position is vacant.

William McClave and Mark Balzarano have both left their municipalities DPW. David Milmoie has replaced Mark and Donna Vieiro, City Manager, is our contact person for now.

Old Business

Geese Control: OGCMA President Michael Badger called Gail a few weeks ago and indicated they were on Board with our Geese Control Plan. Gail requested that in writing. It has still not been received. Beth is working on it. We need permission in writing from OGCMA for the City of AP (Dog Chaser Egg Addler) and the Rejex-it vendor to move forward with their contracts. Keith has 6 signs he will give Ed to have posted on the Asbury Park side. Gail will request that they are posted by APDPW and keep Ed in the loop.

Bridge Analysis: Doug spoke to T&M and they indicated they had not received a Notice to Proceed from Neptune as Asbury Park and Neptune had not signed a Shared Services Agreement yet. Eileen will talk to Donna about this and let Gail know. Gail will follow up with Neptune. The Commission expressed concern over the cost of the bridge analysis and would like it to be on the record that they think the cost is too high. Doug said the Neptune engineer said we could not move forward with treating the bridges until an analysis had been done. Doug said that the Wesley Lake Commission should be very clear that WLC did not initiate or request this engineering study. Neptune engineer Leanne Hoffman advised us that this study was a prerequisite to any work being done on the bridges. Further, WLC has not reviewed any

municipal request for the request from T&M Associates, nor did WLC participate in the drafting the scope or evaluating the cost of T&M's proposed report.

319 H Grant: Doug has been meeting with the Committee to identify the best projects for our Lake. They met with Tom Pivinski (Environmental Shade Tree Commission) at the Rain Garden on November 11. They identified four projects for Wesley Lake in order of priority: Raingarden restoration on Main Street, Raingardens in two fire lanes in Ocean Grove, Five Floating Wetlands, Tree Boxes. Concern was expressed about the success of the Floating Wetlands especially on the west end due to floatables and lack of depth. Gail will request from the Deal Lake Commission, who is responsible for the grant, that Wesley Lake Commission be included in the placement of the Floating Islands. They are kits and volunteers will install the islands. If there is a problem with the islands they can be moved.

Water Testing: Gail informed the group that there was a CLONET Zoom on November 17 from 12-2 on the water quality testing project with Monmouth University and the Urban Coastal Institute. Gail presented on our Geese Control Plan. Lists of Lake Commission contacts and water testers was given out. They sent out a subsequent email asking if Lakes would add chloride testing. Gail agreed. This would be done through a partnership with the NJ Watershed Watch and would be done to give an idea of how road salts effect our costal lakes.

Doug made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Patricia seconded. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Gail Rosewater