

Wesley Lake Commission

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Gail Rosewater at 7:05pm. Members in attendance were Gail Rosewater, Michael Brantley, Eileen Chapman, William McClave, Doug McQueen, Ed Lacombe, Keith Fiori. The Open Public Meetings Act notice was provided.

Gail explained that Ben Matlock, Engineer would now come to every other meeting. Minutes of the July 2019 meeting were approved (McClave/Lacombe).

There were no members of the public present.

Membership: Gail emphasized the need for Neptune to appoint people to the eligible positions. Dr. Brantley said they are working on it.

Treasurers Report: Gail presented Jim Henry's Treasurer's Report, which remained unchanged from July. Gail then presented a proposed budget for 2020, including requests for approximately \$500,000 for dredging and \$80,000 for repair/resurfacing of the bridges. Gail would update incorrect totals and, subject to those corrections, the proposed budget requests were approved to send to the respective municipalities. Total was \$652,200. \$329,850 for Asbury Park and \$322,350.00 for Neptune. (Chapman/Lacombe)

Dredging: Gail said she got an email from Michael Capabianco saying before dredging the sediment needed to be tested and that was \$100,000.

Watershed/Stormwater: Gail explained that water testing is still going on in conjunction with Monmouth University and will continue through the fall.

North End Development: Dr. Brantley explained that a developer's agreement has been reached with the developer of the North End redevelopment. Doug asked if the Commissioners could have a copy of that agreement and be kept up to date about the development process and any associated public meetings as the approval process continues. Doug also expressed concerns related to stormwater Best Management Practices ("BMP"s) that would be applicable to the new development and that could affect the quality of the lake water. Dr. Brantley advised that the next steps in the approval process were before the Neptune Planning Board, who uses Peter Avakian as their engineering consultant. Dr. Brantley asked that we share any concerns with him and encouraged that Commissioners attend these upcoming meetings regarding the project.

DPW: Bill McClave reported that there will be new trash cans coming along Lake Avenue to replace the blue barrels. Gail said that the Commission is talking to the Friends and Citizens of Wesley Lake had requested additional dog waste stands along the lake. Gail asked Dr. Brantley to get approval from Neptune for 50% of the bridge repair money and gave him a copy of the estimate. Eileen will find out information on a possible dock to permit egress from the Lake.

Pond Weed: Gail reported that Black Lagoon was on site on 9/3 and 9/11 to evaluate and treat the lake.

Friends/Citizens of Wesley Lake: Keith advised that there will be a lake cleanup on October 19th and will provide details and a flyer shortly. Keith will also reach out to his contacts at the Biergarten for support. Keith also presented a promotional campaign to be conducted with Surfrider Foundation to distribute small, portable cigarette butt containers. The Commission approved up to \$365 to fund this campaign. (McQueen/Rosewater) Keith will see if other organizations will contribute to order more of these containers and help distribute. Keith submitted copies of the promotional materials for the campaign. Gail presented a letter that was sent from the Commission to the Asbury Park Planning Board outlining the problem of cigarette butts in stormwater runoff and requesting that the planning board add a requirement for commercial and multifamily dwellings to provide and maintain cigarette butt disposal containers outside of their buildings. Doug also suggested that this rule could somehow be applied to all bars in Asbury Park as a condition of their liquor license.

OG Camp Meeting Assn: Rev. Beth Whaley Mitchell was not in attendance to describe any potential resolution to the poor condition of the sidewalks on the Ocean Grove side of the lake. (These walkways are a tax-exempt public right-of-way on OG Camp Meeting Association property.)

Old Business:

Gail solicited input on whether the Commission needs to change its bylaws to compel better attendance at meetings. No decision was made.

Eileen advised that on October 16, 2019 Asbury Park would be hosting a “Board and Commission Meet and Greet” event, where local residents can get more information about the work of local boards and commissions and these boards and commissions can solicit broader participation. Gail will present for the WLC.

New Business:

The Commission received a letter from a resident expressing concern about potential egress from the spillover area (eastern weir) of the lake, leading into the outfall pipe. Bill McClave explained that nobody has ever fallen into that area because there are railings, and that fencing the entrance of the outfall pipe could create additional flooding hazards.

Gail advised she received an email over the summer from Neptune regarding a citizen concern over duckling egress due to pond weed muck. The muck disappeared in a day or two. Gail spoke to the citizen.

Doug advised that Christine Ballard from T&M Associates (Asbury’s engineering firm) is a big proponent of stormwater quality projects and would be a good resource to use when considering options for improving stormwater into the lake.

The Commission approved meeting dates for 2020 (changed 11/17 to 11/10) that will be forwarded to each municipality. They will continue to be on the third Tuesday of the month at 7PM in Neptune Council Chambers except November. (McClave/Chapman)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by Doug McQueen