

Wesley Lake Commission Meeting Minutes

4/16/2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Chair Gail Rosewater and notice of the NJ Open Public Meetings Act was read, as well as flag salute, by Gail.

Note: Meeting location was moved to Room B-11 (downstairs) in the Neptune Municipal Building due to a meeting conflict with the Committee Chamber.

Members in attendance were Gail Rosewater, Eileen Chapman, Keith Fiori, Jim Henry, Tee Lesinski, Mark Balzarano, Bill McClave, James Brown and Ed Lacombe.

No members of the public were present. CME Engineer Bennet Matlack was present.

Minutes from the 3/19/19 meeting were read and approved (McClave/Chapman) Brown, Henry and Lesinski abstained.

Membership: Dr J Brown was sworn in. Ed Lacombe was not sworn in due to lack of personnel available to swear him in. It will be done at a future meeting or done at the Asbury Park city office. Gail wrote a letter to Neptune Township requesting a replacement for Peter Longo. Gail confirmed that each time a member is reappointed they must be sworn in. Neptune requires an elected official, chair of commission, NJ notary, or NJ attorney. Asbury Park requires a NJ notary, NJ attorney or City Clerk.

Treasurer Report: Jim Henry forwarded the Treasurer's Report to Gail Rosewater. There were 3 new items reported which were a \$1000 annual contribution by both Asbury Park and Neptune and an invoice debit for \$61.27 paid to Oriental Trading, invoice # 695172185-01. New balance as of 4/16/19 is \$18,726.69. Treasurer Report approved by Lesinski/Brown with the change of bank name from Sovereign to Santander. Jim changed the address to Neptune Township in preparation of the Commission discontinuing rental of the PO Box. It was clarified that Jim Henry and Dr. Brantley can both sign checks for the Commission. Gail and Jim went to the bank to get her added as a signatory but were unable to do so since Dr. Brantley was not present.

Watershed/Stormwater: Urban Coast Institute will contact us within the next few weeks regarding instruction on water testing for Wesley Lake. We are waiting for the kits to come in. A class will be given later this spring, so all involved in the testing are up to speed on how to conduct the tests. West end testing will be done by Ed Lacombe with Keith Fiori as backup. East end testing will be done by Gail Rosewater, Barbara Krzak and Doug McQueen. Backup for both ends will be Eileen Chapman. Regarding dredging Neptune Township is still discussing the item but Asbury Park states it is too expensive.

Grants: Nothing new on the 319 H grant. CME Engineer Bennet Matlack stated that Monmouth County Open Space Grants are available, and that Lake Avenue is considered open space. Applications for that grant are due September 2019. The application process includes open

meeting to discuss potential areas to target in the grant. Eileen said she would speak to AP City personnel.

DPW Reports: Bill McClave reported that all the holes along the lake on the Asbury Park side were filled in last week. Mark Balzarano reported that the holes on the Ocean Grove lakeside will be filled in next week. Discussion was held on power washing or painting the pedestrian bridges on the lake. Discussion was held on moving the aerator on the west side of the lake further east to a deeper part of the lake due to it periodically falling over in the shallow end.

Water/Weed Treatment: This will be done on the lake 3 times during the year by Black Lagoon. Contract starts 4/1/19. Gail will take photos and text to Black Lagoon as necessary.

Public Outreach: An article appeared in The Coaster 4/11 edition by Tom Pivinski on Sunset Lake and the lake cleanup. Sonia Spina from Asbury Park wrote a press release on all three lakes in the city's fist newsletter. There were also posts appearing on the Facebook page of the Friends of Wesley Lake. Signs have been posted around the lake regarding the Wesley Lake Cleanup scheduled for Saturday 4/20 from 9 am to 12 noon. This event will be weather permitting. If the event is cancelled due to weather a notice will be posted by Keith Fiori on the Friends of Wesley Lake Facebook page. The Wesley Lake Commission will also staff an information table for the Asbury Park Alive event being held on Saturday, 5/4.

Old Business: Discussion about updating Wesley Lake Master Plan which was last updated in 2008. Gail asked Michael Capabianco for funding in 2020 for a plan for streetscape design on AP side.

New Business:

- Discussed the fire lanes in Ocean Grove and potentially looking at putting in a rain garden to improve the quality of water runoff into Wesley Lake. Unclear if the fire lanes are owned by Neptune or OGCMA.
- Discussed need of printing out and keeping minutes, agendas and correspondence of the Commission in a municipal office either in Asbury Park or Neptune. They are subject to open record requests. Gail will take care of with Neptune.
- Gail reminded Commissioners to take OPRA and Ethics training on line and stated she had emailed out the link.
- Gail asked Michael Capabianco from AP for new trash cans along Lake Ave and he said they were coming. Bill said they were not order yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm (Lesinski/Brown)

Minutes submitted by Ed Lacombe

