

# Wesley Lake Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### February 19, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Gail Rosewater declared that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Commission members present: Bill McClave, Gail Rosewater, Keith Fiori, Jim Henry, Eileen Chapman, Beth Mitchell

Minutes of the 10/17/2018 meeting were approved (JH/MB).

One member of the public was present. Ben Matlack from CME Engineering (Neptune Pool) was present as a courtesy consultant.

**Public Portion:** Gail opened the floor to public attendee. No questions or comments by the public.

**Membership:** Keith Fiori, Ocean Grove resident and Beth Mitchell OGCMA trustee and OG resident were sworn in by Chapman. Election of officer positions were deferred until next meeting when more members would be present. Secretary position, replacement for Peter Longo and AP alternate position still need to be filled.

**Treasurer:** Jim Henry presented the Treasurer's Report and distributed. JH noted that this report does not reflect the contributions from each municipality for 2019. Gail will send letters to each municipality requesting the \$1,000.00. WLC has a balance of \$16,787.96 and no outstanding bills currently. Beth discussed where the money for our bank account is coming from, JH clarified monies are coming from annual municipality contribution and WLC can use at their discretion. Gail noted the EIN number has been formally transferred to Neptune Township. It was discussed to eliminate the annual \$112 cost for the PO Box since few letters are mailed to it. Gail suggested the monthly statement be sent to Neptune and will get the address from Vito. We can pick the statement up from Ashley Curtis each month. She leaves things for Gail on the counter regularly. It was also discussed that another commissioner be on the Santander account and be able to have same signing privileges to bank information as JH. These issues will be determined at March meeting. Gail motioned to accept report - BM approved.

**Water Quality and Dredging:** Gail discussed the updates for this project. Michael Capabianco reported the quote from T&M Engineers was "too expensive" and there is no moving forward on this initiative currently.

Jim Henry brought up how the project was done approx. 5 years ago, and the overall cost is not clear:

- Equipment was provided by Mosquito Commission
- Dump site was provided by Neptune
- Municipalities used their trucks

It was discussed that Dr. Brantley was to speak with the Freeholders about urgency of this dredging project to bring costs down. . Barbara Lesinski from FCWL also wrote to Freeholder Tom Arnone to discuss this is as well. Jim Henry will follow up with Dr. B for the information and report back.

Fletcher Lake project was brought up and discussed that they were replacing failing bulk head and no dredging was being done at this time. Left over Hurricane Sandy money was to be used to pay for this project.

**319H Grant Update:** Gail discussed that the grant was written by Peter Avakian and Steven Souza on behalf of the Deal Lake Commission. At the meeting on 12/06/18 that Gail attended it was clarified that Wesley will receive 4 Curbside Tree boxes and 1 Linear Bioswell that is proposed to be located across from Biergarten. This will be a 3yr project starting from fall 2018. These improvements will help in filtering the water running into the lake but will not elevate flooding at all. Location for the devices will be discussed on March 12th 10:00am during a walk around the Lakes and a follow-up closed meeting at 11:30 for only Commission Chairs. Gail would like AP DPW to represent WLC at this meeting and advise on the location. Jim mentioned we should consult Tom Pivinski/ESTC before final locations are decided. Gail will discuss this with Doug.

Eileen said she would look at the latest version of AP REVISED Waterfront Master Plan and see what is specific to Wesley lake. She will present at the next meeting.

**Urban Coastal Lakes Meeting:** Gail and Doug will attend a summit on behalf of Wesley Lake Commission at Monmouth University 3/15/19. This is the first step in aligning all NJ Coastal Lake Commissions and initiatives.

**Public Outreach/Website:** Gail discussed if Commission felt they needed its own site. Several members said, "not really". Jim brought up that the Commission needs more recognition and public awareness so the public feels more involved. Papers and social media need to be explored with a focus. Gail will write some press releases and run them but Doug and Beth before sending them out.

#### **New Business:**

- Gail discussed the possibility of power washing and sealing the concrete as per Doug. She forwarded information on it to both DPW's.
- KF asked Beth who is also on the CMA to request they replace the lids on the current garbage cans and add more along the OG side of lake. Beth will also try to determine who is ultimately responsible for the sidewalk repairs, Neptune or CMA
- Keith asked if the removal or at least the painting of the gates could be done by CMA- Beth will take point on this
- Beth asked if there could be more focused plantings and garden work done on both sides of lake. Gail will ask Doug about talking to Tom/ESTC.

**Sunset Lake Master Plan:** Eileen reported that the public hearing reflected a desire for a park like environment and promoting use by the community. The footbridge has been completed, but there was a request to create a picnic area, dredging, a living shoreline, proper plantings (including 300 shrubs) AP City Engineer T&M will come back in March with a proposal. Gail raised a concern Doug had expressed to her that the 2008 Plan Peter Avakian did is more of a report than a plan. We need a plan.

**Engineer/Master Plan:** Ben Matlack suggested his firm would work up a quote for a Wesley Lake master plan involving a landscape architect and other ground usage plan. Gail is to follow up with Ben on this and report back

**DPW Reports:** Asbury DPW- no news to report  
Neptune not present

**Pond Weed:** Gail Rosewater advised that the lake treatments will be done for 2019 by Black Lagoon according to the proposal. It was noted that the contract should have been for 2 years but was only done for one year- Vito from Neptune will correct and Gail will follow up progress Pond Weed Treatment. Cost is accounted for in 2019 budget request.

**Friends of Wesley Lake:** Keith reported that FCWL is creating a new GoFundMe to replace the stolen Sparrow sign and raise funds for more information signs, cigarette receptacles and sponsorship from local business/homeowners to help pay for this will be pursued. Gail asked if FCWL would consider putting in a dock. FCWL asked that Gail write a note to the Neptune Mayor and ask that they back the ban of plastic bags and single use plastics. 17 shore towns have done this, Asbury has yet to pass this ordinance but is working on it. All were in favor of this motion and the letter will be sent.

**Old Business:** Jim Henry asked at the October meeting if the monthly meetings could be the second Tuesday of the month, so we didn't conflict with the ESTC. Gail asked Asbury Park in November and they said it was too late for 2019. Gail will explore it again and reported that the rooms we currently meet in is not available second Tuesday as the Historical Society uses it.

Gail reported that she presented at the Asbury Park Senior Center with all other AP Boards and Commissions to recruit new board members on November 30, 2018. Gail announced there was a Neptune Environmental Resource Directory Peter gave her before he left if anyone wants to read it.

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm. (Keith Fiori/Jim Henry)

Respectfully Submitted by Keith Fiori