

# Wesley Lake Commission

## *Meeting Minutes*

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chair Gail Rosewater, flag salute was led, and notice of the NJ Open Public Meetings Act was read.

Members in attendance were: Bill McClave, Eileen Chapman, Gail Rosewater, Ed Lacombe, Doug McQueen, and James Brown.

CME Engineer Bennet Matlack was present. Jack Bredin was the only member of the public present.

Minutes of the April 2019 meeting were read and approved (McClave/Chapman)

Jack Bredin spoke in the open public portion about a variety of issues regarding the lake and the administration of the Wesley Lake Commission. Doug McQueen asked Jack if he could put his comments in writing so that the issues he raised could be better addressed. Jack asked if the public portion could be moved back to the end.

### STANDARD REPORTS:

Membership: Doug McQueen swore in Ed Lacombe as a new member. Gail Rosewater advised that she sent a letter to the Neptune mayor requesting a replacement for Peter Longo.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance remains the same at \$18,726. Jim Henry advises that the PO Box is no longer needed for WLC correspondence.

Jim also reported that the aerator at the western end can be moved eastward as far as the power lines will permit since it is in too shallow water right now. He called the distributor of the aerator and asked for prices for longer power cords which may void the warranty and they may have to be returned to the distributor for retrofitting. The old company has now merged with another company.

Watershed/Stormwater: Gail announced that water testing training would be conducted by Dr. Jason Adolf and his team from the Urban Coast Institute at Wesley Lake on Friday, May 24th at 9 am. The testing kits will be distributed to the volunteer "citizen scientists" for weekly data measurement.

Dredging: No new information.

319H Grant: No update.

DPW: Bill McClave reported that sinkholes are being filled periodically as they reappear. The aerators have been installed and are operating. Jim Henry (not present) submitted a written report regarding the aerators. The aerator with the smallest draft will be located at the west end to reduce the occurrence of clogging. Also, the aerators can be moved as far as the manufacturer supplied power cable will permit, but moving further would require modifying the factory cables, which the manufacturer recommends against because it voids the warranty. Jim will investigate further the options for installing longer cables on the aerators to expand available locations.

Bridge Cleaning and Repair: One of the ostensible obstacles to cleaning and repairing the pedestrian bridges is that Leanne Hoffman had previously notified the Commission that the bridges were listed as historic assets with NJDEP's Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO"). On April 30th Doug McQueen contacted SHPO representative Douglas McVarish who advised that the bridges are not, in fact, listed as historic assets in either Asbury Park or Ocean Grove's historic districts. Bill McClave said that the bridges would be power washed by DPW.

Pond Weed: Gail advised that weed treatment will occur the following week after the first round of water testing has occurred.

Public Outreach: Gail advised that she could not participate in the Asbury Park "Alive" event that was held along Lake Avenue on May 4th. She indicated she requested a banner for the Commission which Eileen was getting.

Friends/Citizens of Wesley Lake: No report, as neither Keith Fiori nor Tee Lesinski were present.

Camp Meeting Association: No report, as Rev. Mitchell was not present.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Official Files: Gail advised that she is trying to consolidate and upload as much previous WLC information as possible to the respective municipal websites. She sent an email indicating which files she has and which ones are potentially missing. Gail asked if everyone could check their own records for whichever records she doesn't have.

Fire Lanes / Plantings: Consultation with the Neptune tax map shows that the fire lanes are owned by OGCMA, so any project would need to be coordinated with them.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

No additional information about a previous report of black water discharging from a storm drain inlet, as reported at the previous meeting. Bill McClave advised that there may have been debris or rotting vegetation that flowed out from fluctuating lake levels.

Eileen Chapman described the recent fundraising and public relations event that was hosted by the Sunset Lake Conservatory. The idea of the event was to raise awareness of the new Master Plan for Sunset Lake. Gail asked if WLC funds could be used to support similar programming at Wesley Lake. A discussion about improving commissioner and public participation followed.

Doug asked if the new construction project on Lake Ave next to the Biergarten was using silt fencing during site preparation and construction, Bill McClave said that they (Burke Constr.?) are reliable and will ensure that they have silt fencing.

Doug McQueen spoke about a new living shoreline project that was just completed along Sylvan Lake, on the Avon side, and suggested that Wesley Lake Commissioners try to go see it for themselves. Eileen provided some insights about the project and can reach out to contacts to get more information about it.

Gail asked if the Commission could let her know when they could not attend a meeting.

Eileen suggested we add requirements to the By Laws for attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.