

Wesley Lake Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Neptune Municipal Building

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

Members in attendance were Jim Henry, Mark Balzarano, Bill McClave, Tee Lesinski, Gail Rosewater, Doug McQueen, Ed Lacombe, Beth Whaley-Mitchell, Eileen Chapman, Michael Brantley

MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the May 2019 meeting was deferred until the July meeting, as the acting secretary (Doug) sent the wrong minutes to the group and did not correct the error until just prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC: No members of the public were present.

STANDARD REPORTS:

- Membership: Doug McQueen swore in Dr. Brantley for a new term.
- Treasurer: Jim Henry presented a copy of the current account balance, unchanged from the previous month at \$18,726.69.
- Watershed / Stormwater: Doug gave a summary of the water testing program, currently underway, coordinated by Monmouth University's Urban Coast Institute and funded through a grant from the Jules Plangere Foundation. Testing of basic water chemistry is being conducted weekly by citizen volunteers at two locations along the lake for the entire year, with the data being uploaded to the Urban Coast Institute's Coastal Lakes Observation Network ("CLONet") website. There was an article about the initiative by Monmouth University on the Coaster.
- Grants: Gail will call Don Brockel about the progress and status of the NJDEP 319H stormwater grant.
- DPW Reports:
 - There was a discussion about additional trash cans and poop bag stations near Emory Ave in AP. Mark commented that the stations and the quantity of bags used can become expensive. Trash cans will be ordered in the fall. He will look into cost of another poop station.
 - Gail asked if the aerators could be fitted with lights or new lighted aerators purchased. Bill and Mark estimated that lighted aerators are approximately double the cost of the current aerators. But Bill will try to get a price.
 - Bridge Painting, Cleaning, Repair: Bill advised that his crews would be power washing the bridges in an attempt to improve the aesthetics of the concrete. But the power washing does not seem to be doing much. Doug explained the need for bridge maintenance, including crack repair and painting/sealing of the concrete, for which a contractor provided an initial estimate of approximately \$68,000 to maintain both bridges. Doug made a motion to request that the elected representatives on the Commission to use all means necessary

to have this amount included in the respective municipalities' upcoming budgets. (Gail second, Mark abstained, motion passed).

- Bill reminded all the outfall pipe break was fixed and cleaned and is working but we still need a bigger pipe.
- Pond Weed Treatment: Gail advised that pond weed treatment is scheduled for June 20th. Eileen noted that all three lakes in Asbury Park have been struggling with algae and pond weed issues this season.
- Friends/Citizens of Wesley Lake: A missing sign on the Ocean Grove side will be replaced. There was a discussion about the fundraising and public awareness event that the Sunset Lake Conservancy had recently, and a suggestion that the Wesley Lake groups should do something similar.
- New garden- a new garden will be put in by the ESTC across from Wesley Gove with benches.
- OG Sidewalks, Gates, Trash Cans: Rev Whaley-Mitchell had not communicated with OGCMA leadership and had nothing to report.
- Gail announced that the swan boat company was for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07.