

December 19, 2023
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Dr. James Brown
Keith Fiori
Ed Lacombe
Joe Leone
Barbara Lesinski
Doug McQueen
Gail Rosewater
Jennifer Schimpf

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:08 PM with member roll call and reading of the Open Public Records Act.

Open Public Portion

No members of the public were present.

Approval of Minutes:

Ed moved to accept the minutes of October 17. Barb seconded. All voted in favor. Gail will forward minutes to municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Standard Reports:

Membership:

All Asbury Park members will be reappointed at the January City Council Reorg. Meeting. Neptune members will be reappointed in January 2025. Gail spoke to Keith Cafferty about someone from Neptune to replace him. He works the night

of our meetings. He is looking. Gail wrote to Neptune requesting a replacement for Reverend Mitchell.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed reported the balance is \$17,354.06. Ed spent \$263.00 on light replacements. We will have 8 lights on Lake now. Five function, 2 in Lake and 3 out of Lake. Ed will buy three new ones. There are no lights between bridges now. Barb asked if we still needed the lights, given the improvement (reduction) in goose population. Keith and Ed said we must keep on top of it. Ed said he will use cinderblocks, not anchors, to keep lights in place. Ed moved/requested \$600.00 to buy three lights and equipment to secure. Keith seconded. All voted in favor. Keith and Doug said they would help with installation and repositioning floating islands.

Gail requested reimbursement of \$143.94 for the DO NOT MOW Raingarden signs. Ed will drop off a check to her. The signs were installed in the Raingardens by Gail.

Barb moved and Dr Brown seconded to approve Treasurers Report. All approved.

DPW:

Keith reported that the drain by Delaware Ave needs to be cleaned out. He also said debris left by a resident along Lake has still not been cleaned up. Gail had asked the OGCMA to take it away but got no response. Gail will send another email this time to Neptune Code Enforcement.

Keith reported light JC381 along Lake is still not working. Joe will follow up. Keith reported directly to JCP & L 4 times. The problem seems to be they need a small vehicle to get to it.

Gail reported there are new lights installed along Asbury Park side of the Lake that are very attractive.

The aerators have been taken out.

Raingardens are in good shape. Black plastic has been removed.

Gail spoke to Keith Cafferty about the funding that was secured by Neptune to dredge Shark River. He said the match came from the Marina so Wesley Lake could not be dredged with that particular funding. He also indicated he continues to work on funding for dredging for Wesley and to improve the foot bridges. Barb also indicated she had conversations with Frank Pallone about securing funding for bridges from the Federal Government.

Geese:

Dr. Brown moved and Barb seconded for Gail to send an email to the municipalities to express our support for the current Goose management contract to continue. Gail also sent an email to Neptune inquiring about the status of Pond Weed contract which expired 12/31/23.

Old Business

Gail distributed 2024 meeting dates last fall. She realized May date was incorrect. The correct date is May 21. Dr. Brown moved and Ed seconded to approve corrected 2024 meeting dates, the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM with the exception of November. There is no meeting in November.

Friends and Citizens

The educational sign that is missing by Heck Street bridge has not been replaced. Keith and Barb are working on the educational rain garden sign.

New Business:

CLONet

Gail and Doug attended the annual meeting by Monmouth University on December 12. Gail will forward the Power Point Presentation. This is a program that funds water our quality testing. Doug presented Wesley Lakes strengths and challenges. A regional approach was stressed. Another 319 H grant will be

available in the spring, but we must first have a Watershed Plan. Asbury Park does not. No response from Neptune when Gail asked.

Flooding

Gail explained that the Green Team from Asbury Park is putting together a task force to work on an EPA Grant. Eileen is involved. Chronic flooding and green infrastructure with environmental justice will be addressed.

Robert also copied Gail on an email explaining how/when Lake is lowered and who is in charge of it. (DPW)

Eileen reported to Gail that the City of Asbury Park is taking steps to address the flooding issues including the expertise of all Department heads and the City Engineer.

Doug expressed desire for a written formal procedure outlining what, where, who, when gate/flume is opened and closed.

Doug met Michael Sheehan from NJDEP who lives on Ocean Grove side of the Lake. Doug would like to invite him to attend our meeting. He works on stormwater mitigation. Doug moved; Barb seconded to invite him. All approved.

Doug moved and Barb seconded to close the meeting at 8:33 PM. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gail Rosewater