

February 16, 2021
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Dr. James Brown
Keith Cafferty
Eileen Chapman
Keith Fiori
Edward Lacombe
Doug McQueen
Reverend Beth Whalley Mitchell
Jenn Schimpf
Gail Rosewater

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:05 PM with member roll call and reading of the Open Public Records Act.

Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2021:

Jenn moved; Eileen seconded. All in favor. Minutes were approved.

Open Public Portion

Ernest Mignoli of 400 Deal Lake Drive #5D expressed concern over the water quality of Wesley Lake.

Guest Speaker:

Peter Avakian from Leon S. Avakian Inc. Consulting Engineers provided an overview of the NJDEP Model for Stormwater Management. Peter explained that NJDEP is putting emphasis on green infrastructure. Gail explained that our opportunity to comment on the acceptance of an ordinance by each municipality was ending soon. She read a paragraph that would be included in a letter and requested permission to send it to both Neptune and Asbury Park. It is as follows:

"I am writing to you on behalf of the Wesley Lake Commission to encourage Neptune Township to take measures to protect Wesley Lake as well as other coastal lakes and the Atlantic Ocean, as you examine the adequacy of the NJDEP model ordinance for stormwater management.

The Wesley Lake Commission recommends that the municipal Stormwater Ordinance increases measures that prevent or reduce the pollution of water. We think it is important that the municipality implement stronger measures to address local water quality, as in storm water runoff that leads directly from development into our lakes. Major development standards should go above and beyond the NJDEP minimal standards. Doug added: and a major applicant should have an option, if they meet the NJDEP minimum standards but cannot comply with increased standard, of making a predefined contribution to the Township to be used exclusively for water quality and flood management infrastructure. The measures that are more specific than the minimum standards of the model ordinance would need to be worded by the professionals.”

Eileen moved to approve writing of the letters; Doug seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Standard Reports:

319 H Grant:

Peter provided an update on the 319 H Grant. Raingardens and tree boxes will be installed. One raingarden will be at Pilgrim Pathway where the runoff is into Wesley Lake. The other will be where Asbury Ave in Ocean Grove discharges into the Lake. Water would be filtered through a sand filter and wetlands before it goes into Lake. These locations were chosen for impact and access. Tree boxes will be put in both municipalities in various places and the Asbury Park City Hall Raingarden will be enhanced. Floating Wetlands will also be purchased for installation by volunteers. DPW's will be asked to maintain raingardens as well as community organizations. Peter's Engineering firm will keep an eye on them to ensure they are functioning properly. Keith Cafferty asked for the plans for the raingardens. Peter will get them to him. Doug offered to walk around the Lake with members to see the exact locations of the raingardens. Many were interested.

Doug suggested Neptune consider redoing sidewalks near raingardens at the same time as they have deteriorated due to the water issues.

Dredging:

Peter said he spoke to Monmouth County and they have no place to dump silt that is contaminated. They have equipment but will not let it be used on projects with contaminated silt. Peter will explore other resources.

Membership:

Doug swore in Keith Cafferty. Keith is replacing Dr. Brantley on the Commission. Keith is a Committeeman from Neptune.

Treasury:

Ed Lacombe reported that we have \$16,463.24. Lasers for members who live on the Lake were purchased in the amount of \$89.49. Ed requested approximately \$1200 to purchase chains and other supplies to resecure the lights in the Lake which have come loose during storms. Neptune Marine will help install. Keith F moved and Keith C. seconded, and the motion was approved by all.

DPW:

Gail expressed appreciation to both DPW's for cleaning up the snow around the Lake and the bridges. Doug stressed the importance of these sidewalks and bridges being cleared of snow as they are means of transportation. Gail requested members text her with pictures of any issues they see, and she will forward them to the DPW's. Gail asked Eileen and Keith C. to encourage David and Robert to attend our meetings.

Old Business

Geese Control:

The REJEXIT will cost \$165.63 more than originally planned due to our need to pay tax on it. We are not tax exempt. Gail asked for a motion to approve. Eileen offered; Dr. Brown seconded. All in favor. Motion approved. REJEXIT will be applied around the entire Lake starting around March 1. Gail confirmed with Asbury Park that the entire length of the AP side is owned by the City.

Bridge Analysis:

T & M were out looking the bridges on January 27 as well as various other dates. They were in the water in boats under the bridges as well as on the bridges themselves.

Water Testing:

Gail has tested the Lake chlorine once before a storm and once after.

Pond Weed:

Black Lagoon received the Purchase Order from Neptune.

New Business

No new business.

Eileen made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Ed seconded. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Gail Rosewater