

March 21, 2023
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Robert Bianchini
Dr. James Brown
Eileen Chapman
Keith Fiori
Ed Lacombe
Barbara Lesinski
Doug McQueen
Gail Rosewater
Jennifer Schimpf
Veronica Sonsev

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:03 PM with member roll call and reading of the Open Public Records Act.

Approval of Minutes

Veronika moved and Doug seconded to approve minutes of February 2023. All Commissioners approved minutes. They will be sent to the municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Open Public Portion

No members of the public present.

Standard Reports:

Membership:

Dr. Brown has indicated he wishes to remain on the Commission and Reverend Mitchell has indicated she no longer has the time to participate, and we may replace her. Gail will send the link to apply for a Commissioner position from Neptune's Townships website out to all Commissioners. Jenn and Veronika indicated they know people who are interested.

Treasurer:

Ed reported the balance is \$16,117.72. Asbury Park has submitted their annual \$1,000.00 contribution. Barb moved, Veronika seconded. All approved Treasurer's report.

DPW

Robert sent pictures to all Commissioners of the outfall pipe being repaired on 3/20/23. This should prevent more sink holes. Doug asked if the fence around the power plant and boardwalk (preventing entry into the Lake) is temporary or permanent. It is not appealing. Robert said permanent for now for safety reasons.

Joe apologized to the Commissioners via Gail. He is unable to attend tonight but reports that the cages have been cleaned three times in the past month and he is working on the issue with JCP&L concerning the lights along the Lake on the OG side.

Barbara expressed concern over the area behind the PNC next to West Grove strip mall and the garbage that collects there and could potentially flow into the Lake. Doug showed an aerial view of the area and Robert explained the “floatables” would have to be raised over a foot by high waters to get into the pipe. Doug will take a look at the area again. Robert said it is a perfect area for a Manufactured Treatment Device.

Robert also expressed concern that silt from the Boulevard (behind Dunkin Donuts) goes into the Lake through the pipes and causes need for dredging. Eileen said she and Donna Viero talked to Tom Arnone, County Commissioner, about the need for dredging and depth analysis. The biggest issue is where to put the muck once it is removed.

Keith F. reminded us that gullies on either side of the new sidewalks in Ocean Grove still need to be filled before someone gets hurt. Robert said whoever OGCMA hired to do this is responsible for the gullies being filled. It is OGCMA job to contact the contractor and insist it be done. Robert expressed concern over bike riders getting caught in gullies and hurt. Dr. Brown said this should be approached as a health and safety issue.

Doug wrote Code Enforcement in Neptune about the rest of the sidewalks. They said they are working ongoingly with OGCMA on this issue. Veronika said maybe these issues could be addressed via the OG Homeowners Association.

Old Business

Geese Control:

Geese Chasers said they were confronted by a person feeding geese and angry they were being chased away. Gail asked for \$300.00 to purchase more signs like the ones posted in Ocean Grove that Keith F. got. Ed said he still has two. Gail moved and Doug seconded, all approved \$300 to buy more signs. Eileen said she will see if the City can pay for them first. Keith F. will send a

copy of the sign to Eileen. Gail said she sent an article to the Coaster, Instagram and Facebook concerning why it is not a good idea to feed the geese.

Pond Weed:

We are in the second year of a two-year contract with Black Lagoon. Algae has risen from the bottom due to warmer temperatures and is floating on top of water. Gail notified Black Lagoon but as in past years, informs the Commission this is harmless algae and will go away.

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Gail said the raingardens at the end of Pilgrim Pathway will be started 4/1/23 and it will take a month. Doug said he would ask Don Brockel/Deal Lake Commission Chair, if the utility poles and lines could be removed from the area. Don had been trying to get this done. Commissioners asked for pictures of the design. Gail said she would look for and send.

AP Participatory Budget:

The Commission's proposal was selected as one of the 48 finalists. Gail presented on March 15 before the Committee and asks all Asbury Park residents on the Commission to vote on line for one project. Doug expressed concern over putting the Outdoor Exercise Equipment up (should our project be selected) before the area (where the picnic tables are near Grand Ave and Lake Ave, called the "plaza") is finished as it was intended. Eileen is speaking with iSTAR about this.

Gail moved and Doug seconded to close the meeting at 8:09 PM. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gail Rosewater