

DRAFT
April 13, 2021
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Robert Bianchini
Dr. James Brown
Keith Cafferty
Eileen Chapman
Keith Fiori
Ed Lacombe
Doug McQueen
Beth Mitchell
Gail Rosewater
Jenn Schimpf

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

Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2021:

Eileen moved; Dr. Brown seconded. All in favor. Minutes were approved.

Presentation on Footbridge Analysis

T & M Associates did a presentation on their analysis of the condition of the footbridges across Wesley Lake. The bridges are over 90 years old and have significant yet normal deterioration. There are numerous cracks and spalling that need to be addressed. A final report with priorities and dollar amounts is forthcoming.

Commissioners made the following comments:

- We hope to be able to apply for grant funds for the repairs.
- Foot traffic volume should be evaluated.
- A timeline of repairs needs to be established so that Capital funding can be set aside each year for the repairs.

Open Public Portion

No members of the public requested to speak.

Standard Reports:

Treasurer:

Balance \$14,352.72. Expenditure of \$919.89 at West Marine for resecuring the lights. Both municipalities have submitted their annual contribution of \$1,000.

DPW

Asbury Park DPW has cleaned up the area near the parking lot where the white fence is. Robert will see if they can paint the white fence. Edging will be done along the sidewalks on Lake Ave. Robert said the aerators will be put back in the next several weeks.

Keith expressed concern over the maintenance of the Ocean Grove side such as edging, cutting back bushes etc.

Membership:

Gail asked Keith C. if David Milmoie will begin to attend. We need to swear him in and get his input on various issues. Keith will look into it.

Old Business

Geese Control:

The lights go back in the Lake April 14, by Ed, Keith, Doug and the Neptune Marine representatives. Gail stated she had observed a significant decrease in geese. Keith suggested we look into the company Deal Lake used next year for REJEXIT for price comparison and Doug asked if we could apply it ourselves or if DPW could. Eileen said Sunset Lake was also looking into it. Robert will let us know if DPW can do it. Gail reported that an annual contract with Crowley's, who did a one time treatment this year, would be around \$15,000.

319 H Grant

The Rain Garden on Main Street was regraded last week. Gail spoke to Peter Avakian and he said he was in conversation with the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association and that he thought the Garden Clubs and ESTC would be helpful in maintaining them. He will let me know when it is time to reach out to them.

Water Testing:

Gail is preparing a report for Monmouth University on the initiatives we took for geese control so they can compare that to the changes in water quality. 319 H grant initiatives also need to be reported to Monmouth. She will remind Princeton Hydro.

Pond Weed:

Some algae bloom from the bottom has risen. Black Lagoon says it will resolve itself. Treatment starts May 1.

New Business

Clean Up

April 24, from 9-11 is the Lake Cleanup for Wesley and Sunset. Gloves and bags will be donated. Keith F. will send all Commissioners the flyer to share. Mike Manzella was on the zoom and stated that the Mayors Wellness Committee will co-sponsor, and health screening vans may come. Robert asked if those who attended signed in and stated that it was important to count volunteer hours so the City can use it as leverage for grants. Keith said they do, and he gets their email address.

Ed moved and Keith F seconded to close the meeting at 8:26 PM. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Gail Rosewater