

DRAFT
May 18, 2021
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Robert Bianchini
Dr. James Brown
Keith Fiori
Ed Lacombe
Tee Lesinski
Doug McQueen
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 April 13, 2021:

Leanne Hoffmann had contacted Gail and asked that she be added as a guest since she was on the ZOOM. Corrections made. Doug moved; Jenn seconded. All approved. Tee abstained. Minutes were approved.

Open Public Portion

Ernest McNally offered and put of state address and spoke about the conflict of interest that he feels exists between elected and appointed officials and the vendors the City uses, especially for lumber.

Tee clarified that the signs put up around the Lake are paid for by a private non- profit “Friends and Citizens of Wesley Lake” and are made out of State, so no conflict exists there.

Standard Reports:

Membership:

Several Commissioners asked if Gail could get a replacement from Neptune DPW if David Milmoie will not attend. Gail will reach out to Vito and Keith C. Keith F. expressed concern over the maintenance of the Ocean Grove side such as edging, cutting back bushes etc.

Treasurer:

Balance: \$14,352.72. This is the same as last month. Ed asked permission to purchase a replacement light for one of the lights that broke in the Lake. These lights are solar powered amber lights that keep the geese away. Keith made a motion to purchase three, so we had backups, not to exceed \$500.00 for all three. Tee seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Robert asked Ed to give him broken lights to have the electrician look at and see if he could fix.

DPW

The aerators are in the Lake and working. The west end aerator is having problems due to the depth of the Lake (shallow). Bags and other debris are cleaned out on a regular basis but still keep getting caught and burning out the motor. A horizontal aerator has been installed but this has not fixed the whole problem. Robert will see how far he can move it to the east to get more depth. They cost \$7000.00 to \$9000.00 each. They tried a floatable cage, and it keeps getting clogged too.

Gail asked Robert if he could look into applying REJEXIT. Doug suggested the Commission do some research first. Gail asked Jenn to see if she could find out if a licensed pest control company has to apply it. Robert will talk to Donna and Eileen also.

Old Business

Geese Control:

The lights are back in the Lake. The Geese Chaser comes twice a day. Gail stated that although she has observed a significant decrease in geese, several families of geese have been spotted. Keith is looking into a geese relocater.

Clean Up

Keith reported that the event was well attended-maybe 50 people on April 24, from 9-11. The next one will be in the fall. Gail is entering the email addresses of participants into Outlook going back 6 years so participants can be thanked and kept informed on Lake activity.

319 H Grant

The floating Islands were delivered today. Thank you to Ed, Doug, Eileen for being there to help unload the trucks. They will be planted and installed over the next month. Gail will write to the OGCMA and let them know. Doug will put the word out for volunteers. Gail suggested the Green Team. Princeton Hydro will oversee the project and will anchor the islands east of the Heck Street bridge. Gail will ask Peter to come to the next meeting to discuss the raingardens.

Pond Weed:

The first treatment was on April 29. They treated the Lake with Captain XTR and Tribune (algaecide and herbicide). They are contracted to do 7 treatments throughout the season. The next one is May 21. Signs are posted after each treatment. Doug would like the wooden posts after the signs can come down.

New Business

Doug brought up the issue of the Commission continuing to meet via ZOOM or having in person meetings. Several members (6) stated they preferred ZOOM. Several other said they would like a hybrid format so members could either come to the meeting or attend through Zoom. The public could do so as well. Gail said we would wait and see what the directions are from the municipalities.

Doug also stated that although a planned streetscape has not come to fruition, the gardens that have been created as well as other planting and maintenance add a great deal of aesthetic improvement to the Lake.

Dr. Brown suggested using LINKED IN to highlight the work of the Commission. Gail asked him to create a page for us on LINKED IN with a picture only and then to bring the proposed written content to the next meeting for approval.

TAP Grant

Tee expressed concern over the TAP Grant not being applied for by the City because of the gates being locked on the bridges making us ineligible. Doug expressed concern over the importance of separating the issue of the bridges getting fixed via grants from the lock issue.

Tee moved and Robert seconded to close the meeting at 8:33 PM. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Gail Rosewater

