

January 18, 2022
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Dr. James Brown
Eileen Chapman
Keith Cafferty
Keith Fiori
Ed Lacombe
Gail Rosewater
Jenn Schimpf

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with member roll call and reading of the Open Public Records Act.

Approval of Minutes

Jenn moved and Eileen seconded to approve minutes of 12/21/2021. 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:

Treasurer:

Balance is \$13,617.72. Ed sent an invoice to each municipality for the \$1,000 for 2022 contribution to the Commission.

Membership:

Keith Cafferty and Gail ZOOMED with a potential Neptune Commission Appointee January 17. Her name is Veronika Sonsev, Jenn recommended her, she lives in Ocean Grove and her name will be put before Neptune Township Committee for approval. She will be an alternate and is replacement for Dione Johnson.

DPW

Joe emailed Gail this afternoon and reported Neptune DPW had picked up trash along the entire Ocean Grove side of the Lake. They will empty the cages next week. Keith F. requested the sidewalk along the Lake be shoveled by Neptune, Keith Cafferty will look into it. It may not be possible as the property belongs to Ocean Grove Camp Mtg. Assoc.

Gail mentioned that only half of the sidewalk along the Asbury Park side was shoveled during the last storm. Eileen said to let her know next time only half is shoveled.

Gail will email Robert to ask him where the contracts for REJEXIT and Pond Weed are and per Keith F. request that trash be picked up along the Lake that has gotten caught in the bushes, etc.

Old Business

Geese Control:

Eileen said that a new company for 2022 is going to be contracted with for Geese Management. It will start after the Council approves it on January 26. Gail expressed concern that there is already a lot of geese on the Lake since the last contract ended December 31. Eileen will talk to the City Manager to see if the vendor can start earlier. For issues with this we are to text Robert, who will be the single contact with the Vendor. The new company will come daily but we do not know if that is once or twice a day, like the old company did (twice). The Commission requested a monthly report of nest/egg destruction.

The amber lights were moved by the wind but are still working. Ed will ask Neptune Marina to resecure.

319 H Grant

Islands have relocated as a result of high winds under eastern footbridge. They will be moved back as well as get maintenance in spring. The rain gardens for Ocean Grove are close to being sent out to bid.

Pond Weed:

Black Lagoon will continue as the Pond Weed treatment company. Gail will email Robert to find out where contract is.

Water Quality

Gail wrote a letter to NJDEP to have on the record our concern about the oil sheen. Jason and the Commission reviewed letter first. Letter asks that NJDEP look into where the oil sheens may be coming from. Ed moved and Keith F seconded to send the letter. All approved. Keith Cafferty abstained.

New Business

Participatory Budget

Eileen explained that Asbury Park is starting a community group which will reach out to the public to produce projects they feel are important in the city. \$250,000 will be available for groups to submit proposals for. The project must have a 5-year shelf life. City will vote on the project. She said the Committee will meet in February and reach out to City groups. Gail suggested a proposal for a dock and asked Commissioners to come to the next meeting with ideas of their own.

Keith F. moved and Eileen seconded to close the meeting at 7:35 PM. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gail Rosewater