

## **Wesley Lake Commission**

Minutes

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Meeting Facilitator: Gail Rosewater

Open Public Meeting Act read by Gail Rosewater at 7:07 PM, followed by flag salute.

### **Roll Call**

Dr. Brantley

Mark Balzarano

Jim Henry, Treasurer

Keith Fiori

Patricia (Tee) Lesinski

Peter Longo

William McCalve

Douglas McQueen

Gail Rosewater, Chairperson

### **Note:**

Dr. James Brown (absent)

Eileen Chapman (absent)

### **Swearing in**

Dr. Brantley swore in Keith Fiori as a new member.

### **Approval of the Minutes of May 16, 2017**

Motion to approve Henry, Brantley seconded the motion. Minutes approved with Jim Henry abstaining. They will be sent by Gail Rosewater to the Township/City to be posted on the websites along with the next meeting date

### **Treasurer's Report – Jim Henry**

Balance of the account after JCP&L Invoice was paid is \$13,365.80. Note the balance in the account is without the 2016 contribution of Asbury Park, and the 2017 contribution from both Asbury Park and Neptune Township.

Motion to approve by Lesinski, seconded by Rosewater. All Approved.

### **Introduction**

Dr. Brantley introduced new commission member that will be joining the commission at the next meeting, Susan Tyler.

### **Engineering Reports**

Joseph J Raferty, P.E. follow-up on the testing results from the Ambient Surface Water Monitoring released by the Monmouth County Department of Health (copy attached)

Discussion re the Lake not being a tidal lake, it does not clean itself out and made suggestions on cleaning options for the storm water.

Dr. Brantley and Eileen have suggested inventory of storm drains and update as needed, and to address this with the towns' engineers.

Gail suggested asking the towns' engineers to join us on the lake walk next month.

Gail asked Dr. Brantley to have NT Engineer to gather information and start a conversation with the AP City Manager. Bill will let the AP City Manager know our concerns. We would like a list of what should be in place to protect the environment (Lake). Tee said it is important for us to know where storm drains are and which are updated in accordance with the current storm water regulations.

Gail suggested stronger storm water ordinances and asked what we need to change.

Public comment made about the mud being 80% holding contaminants and asked if it was being tested.

Jim Henry spoke about the last sediment testing.

Doug commented on the Asbury Park Master Plan Review Meeting and how the consultants incorporated storm water management within various sections of the plan for better development of policies. Gail further commented that the WLC was in strong attendance to that June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting (Tee, Doug, Keith and herself in attendance) and the plan was comprehensive with significant recommendations in regard to the lakes/the environment .

### **Department of Public Works Reports**

#### **Asbury Park – William McClave**

Corp of Engineers replacement of the outflow pipe was delayed by State but is now proceeding.

#### **Neptune Township – Mark Balzarano**

Fencing on the west end baskets were replaced and lowered. Fencing is eaten away with the constant changing water levels; changing grate size of the fencing has to be professionally done by an engineer due to various volumes of water flow out of the storm drains and the possible blockage of debris which may lead to a backup and flooding inland.

Mark also discussed the watershed mapping that NT engineer is working on (sample was shown); Leanne Hoffman is working on a topographic map first to show the actual flow of storm water, and then she will work on the elevations to see where the flow is really going. Dr. Brantley agreed to ask Peer Avakian about any information or maps he might have that could help us.

### **Old Business**

#### **Water Quality**

Gail attended the Sunset Lake Commission Meeting. Jim Nickel's from the Urban Coastal Institute was there. They will be conducting water depth testing and will try to include Wesley Lake.

Gail also spoke with Annette Rose regarding community education resources and Water Watcher program. She will keep in contact.

Gail also reported that she spoke to Dave Sorenson from Monmouth County Health Department again and he said he would email me the test results of the water quality for Wesley Lake as they have still not been posted on the website. He said he is the one testing the ocean too and it is not going well as bacteria is showing up. He said to use the fact that the bacteria are affecting bathing beaches in grants

to secure funding for maintenance of the Lake(s). He says that Sunset, Spring and Deal Lakes are natural lakes but Wesley Lake is not. Sunset he believes has a spring feeding it.

Gail also spoke to Anette Ross who has worked with the AmeriCorps Water Watchers. She is going to connect me to Clean Ocean Action and the County Environmental Commission for resources on community education concerning Lakes.

### **Pond Weed**

Tee Lesinski - a report is being prepared by Princeton Hydro as a follow-up to the testing. The report will provide why the lake was treated, what type of pond weed was treated, how many times the treatment was applied and what was the result of each of the treatments. Neptune has still not received the AP reimbursement for 2016 treatment. Eileen will be asked to follow up.

### **Grants**

No report this month

### **Fundraising**

Keith spoke of the joint project, garden at the end of the westerly footbridge (pink roses spelling out A.P.) with the Asbury Park Environmental Shade Tree Commission, Friend of/Citizens of Wesley Lake and the Wesley Lake Commission

### **Reorganization**

Gail mentioned that there was one more commission opening, Neptune Township alternate member; the commission needs to appoint a new secretary.

### **Meeting Location**

Reminders that the next meeting will be a lake walk around Wesley Lake with DPW, engineers, municipal manager/business administrator, etc. in attendance. Date July 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM; meet at the Emery Street Bridge.

Susan, new commission member asked the objective of the lake walk; response was to identify and educate everyone on the various issues of the lake.

### **Street Scape Subcommittee**

Doug discussed street scape and having Eileen and Dr. Brantley to meet with both municipalities' planners to discuss. He will try to assist in scheduling this meeting; provided further update on the garden that was planting in a partnership with the Asbury Park Environmental Shade Tree Commission (ESTC), Wesley Lake Commission members and Friends of/Citizens of Wesley Lake; area was cleared out and 80 rosebushes were planted.

Keith commented that the FWL/CFW Facebook has 2,500 "friends" look at the photos of the garden project. A question was asked who will water the garden; response was "ESTC" will water.

Bill gave a brief overview of the application process regarding the awarded Asbury Park's Main Street Scape project; comment was made that when next funding cycle comes around a joint application with Asbury Park should be strongly considered. Gail asked if the Lake will be affected by the "construction".

### **Camp Meeting**

Dr. Brantley spoke to John DiGiamberardino, the new Executive Director; he is open to any questions and requests that he is provided questions prior to a meeting so that he can research and provide an accurate response to each.

### **Other Business**

Gail spoke of the WLC Strategic Plan and the goal of the outline is to give us guidance by priority, from least to most expenses; use as a working document.

Peter discussed status of the "drum circle" planting project; he will discuss with Leanne if it is a feasible project and if it would interfere with boardwalk pedestrian traffic.

Gail mentioned that the Asbury Park Homeowners Association asked Eileen if some commission members would be interested in attending a meeting; members in agreement to have representatives attend when it is scheduled. Gail is willing to speak but would like others who know more to attend also.

### **Public Session**

8:40 PM

Tee made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting; seconded by Doug James Bredin, Ocean Grove ask clarification of the WLC jurisdiction over the lake and watershed area; he recited various paragraphs of the Agreement of Charter and further requested a copy of the map that was to be attached to the October 29, 2015 Agreement of Charter.

Paul Goldfinger, Ocean Grove spoke of concern over the Ocean Grove North End Development five acre area, adverse conditions within the area, the danger it proposes for the lake and that the commission needs to pay close attention the project planning as it developed.

Dr. Brantley commented that he is a member of the Neptune Township Planning Board and shares his concern, as does the commission members.

Motion to close made by Jim, seconded by Mark. All in agreement.

Adjourned 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia (Tee) Lesinski

July 11, 2017