

Wesley Lake Commission

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, June 16th, 2020

The meeting was held by Zoom teleconference and was called to order by Chairwoman Gail Rosewater at 7:09 pm.

Members in attendance were Gail Rosewater, James Brown, Tee Lesinski, Keith Fiori, Doug McQueen, Ed Lacombe. Michael Brantley joined the meeting at 7:20 pm and Eileen Chapman joined the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Gail read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Meeting minutes of May 19, 2020 were approved (Brown/Lesinski).

Public Comment

One member of the public, Mr. Mignoli, spoke during the open public portion. Mr. Mignoli expressed concerns about trash, floatables, chemicals and illicit substances getting into all of our local lakes and waters from both public and private properties. Tee Lesinski assured Mr. Mignoli that the Commission shared his concerns.

Standard Reports

Treasurer's Report

Ed Lacombe reported that the account balance is currently \$19,372 and that WLC is still awaiting Asbury Park's \$1,000 contribution for this year.

Friends/Citizens of Wesley Lake

Keith reported that the organization is still deciding whether and when to have a cleanup this year.

PR

Gail described a recent press release she sent/was printed in The Coaster and on Facebook, encouraging the community to assist in keeping the Lake clean and healthy.

Dr Brown requested that Commissioners look at his DRAFT website and offer updates.

Geese Control

Keith and Gail presented information relating to geese control strategies. Motion was approved to pursue a multi-pronged approach to geese management, including the purchase of floating geese deterrent lights from Away with Geese, a company that sells geese deterrent lights (\$3790) and \$2000 for the repellent REJEXIT was also approved for application in February. (Lesinski/Brown)

Eileen stated that she would ask AP City Manager Donna Vieiro about adding Wesley Lake to AP's existing contract for geese chasing and egg oiling, noting that Neptune would need to agree to pay their proportional share of ongoing costs for geese mitigation. Eileen also said she would ask AP City Manager to discuss sharing the cost of the geese control with Asbury Park.

Keith asked if both DPW's could hose or power wash the existing goose poop from the the walkways.

Gail will write a letter to OGCMA outlining WLC's geese mitigation strategies, including the use of Rejexit or other similar lawn spray deterrents, since OGCMA owns the pathways / right-of-way on the OG side. Gail also asked Reverend Mitchell, Commissioner, to discuss the issue with the OGCMA.

Bridges

Dr. Brantley reported that both Asbury Park and Neptune have accepted a proposal from T&M Associates to develop bid specifications for repair and resurfacing of both pedestrian bridges.

Signage

Motion was approved to purchase two additional educational signs at a cost of approximately \$1000 each for the perimeter of the lake regarding dog waste, cigarette butts and/or feeding wildlife. Friends and Citizens will take the lead and the Commission will reimburse them.

Stormwater Management

Gail and Doug described a development proposal on the triangle lot bordering Asbury Ave, Cookman and Heck Street, that is currently before the Asbury Park Planning Board that could affect lake flooding and stormwater capacity. The Commission discussed the need to get more involved in development proposals that affect stormwater runoff to the lake. Doug spoke extensively at the last Planning Board meeting advocating for stormwater management by iStar for this development, and at the next Planning Board meeting on July 13, the discussion will continue. Commissioners are encouraged to listen and ask questions pertinent to the Lake. Information about calling in to the Planning Board Zoom meeting is on the City of Asbury Park Website. Eileen agreed to discuss the issue with the City Council and iStar.

Dr, Brantley said he would request that Peter Avakian attend the next meeting of the Commission to discuss what he knows about what pipes drain into Lake.

Plans and Goals

The Commissioners then discussed developing consensus around a set of short-, medium-, and longer-term goals that could be used for future planning, budget and grant requests. Doug and Gail presented draft ideas and made amendments based on Commissioner input. The Commission will revisit this planning document in upcoming meetings.

New Business

Doug saw iStar spray Round up around the Lake and asked that they stop.

Tee will ask Neptune for trash cans at the end of each Fire Lane and ask that those that are on top of the storm drain be removed, as trash could fall in storm drain. Dr. Brantley will request additional Dog Bag stations.

Gail volunteered to call a Dock Company to get prices for one in the Lake.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm (Rosewater/Lesinski). Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug McQueen