

February 15, 2022
Wesley Lake Commission Minutes
Minutes Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Robert Bianchini

Eileen Chapman

Keith Fiori

Ed Lacombe

Joe Leone

Doug McQueen

Beth Mitchell

Gail Rosewater

Jenn Schimpf

Guest: Gabriella Siboni, Municipal Clerk, Neptune Township

Gail Rosewater opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with member roll call and reading of the Open Public Records Act.

Approval of Minutes

Jenn moved and Robert seconded to approve minutes of 1/18/2022. All Commissioners approved minutes. They will be sent to the municipalities to be posted on the websites.

Open Public Portion

Gabriella Siboni introduced herself as the new Neptune Township Municipal Clerk.

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 and has not received either yet. Gabriella asked that Ed send the invoice to her.

Membership:

Gail explained that the Neptune Township Committee approved Veronika Sonsev. She is an alternate and will attend the next meeting.

DPW

Asbury Park: Robert is trying to get a longer cord for the west end aerator so it can be in deeper water. Robert sent an employee to pick up garbage around the Lake. Robert explained that there are fifteen water treatment devices in Asbury Park: nine for Wesley, two for Sunset and three for Deal. They clean out floatables and sediment from the stormwater pipes before it flows into the Lake. DPW cleans it once or twice a year. Greg, Robert's assistant, is working on a stormwater map for the City. It will eventually be on the City's website.

Neptune: Joe said they cleaned up the west end cage and got the garbage out. If the Lake is lowered the floatables come out of the cage as there is no bottom. Neptune's full time litter employee is back.

A discussion concerning the condition of the sidewalk along the Lake in Ocean Grove was initiated by Keith F. Sidewalks were not shoveled in latest big storm. Beth explained she got a flyer in her door saying it was home owners responsibility. Keith was concerned since the only place to walk along the Lake that did not have several feet of snow was right along the Lake, and someone could fall in. Beth made the motion for Gail to write a letter to the Camp Meeting Association expressing our concern for safety. Eileen seconded, all approved.

Doug reminded us of the tax map for Neptune and that it reflected the sidewalks belong to the CMA. Robert said they were Green Acres and therefore could not be "given" to the residents to take care, CMA had to do it. Beth will also talk to the CMA about the issue.

Old Business

Geese Control:

Birds Beware has taken over for Geese Chasers. Gail met with them today along the Lake. They have a dog. Many people have complained that the volume of geese has increased a great deal since January 1. Birds Beware now has the code for the Swan Boats dock so they can place a boat in the Lake to go after the geese in the water.

The contract for REJEXIT is now in the hands of Neptune. Gail has communicated with the new Business Administrator and sent them the proposal. The Shared Services Agreement between Asbury Park and Neptune states that Neptune is to take the initiative for the contracts for the Lake.

Gail explained to Gabriella that Keith Cafferty had stated that Neptune Township was in support of the Pond Weed Treatment, REJEXIT and Goose Chaser Company. Gail said she would send Gabriella the minutes that relate to that.

Ed stated that the amber lights will be put back in place in the spring by Neptune Marina.

319 H Grant

Islands have been resecured after having moved as result of high winds. Geese fencing was also put up. Gail asked for approval for a letter for the Deal Lake Commission supporting their Grant Proposal for the next 319 H Grant. The letter was sent out in advance for Commissioners to review. Doug expressed concern that tree boxes could not be put along the Lake. Robert explained they will be placed in nearby areas. Eileen moved; Ed seconded. All approved.

Pond Weed:

The Pond Weed Treatment contract is with Neptune for processing.

Water Quality

Robert, Gail and Eileen participated in an Asbury Park Green Team ZOOM for the purpose of creating a Water Story for the City. Stormwater was the topic. Gail had sent the summary of the ZOOM (email) to all Commissioners a few weeks ago. She gave the Green Team our watershed map, the letter and pictures she sent to NJDEP about the oil sheen, our 3–5-year budget priorities, our 2008/2015 Rehab Plan, and Monmouth University’s Petrol water testing results. They will take the information they received from a variety of sources and put together a Water Story in the coming months.

Gail, Jenn and Keith attended a 2/7/2022 Webinar by Solitude on Dredging. Keith asked Gail to have Solitude come out and provide a plan for sediment removal. Gail said that we would do that when it gets warmer.

New Business

Gail informed Commissioners that on March 17, Dr. Jason Adolf from Monmouth University would present via ZOOM at the Deal Lake Commission meeting on the CLONET water quality project that we are part of. Gail stated she has started doing collection of samples for chloride before and after storms in Wesley Lake like we did last year.

Keith F. moved and Eileen seconded to close the meeting at 8:20 PM. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gail Rosewater