

Fletcher Lake Commission ■ Public Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2024, 6:00pm ■ Bradley Beach Municipal Building Complex
701 Main Street, Bradley Beach, NJ 07720

Members Present: Lynda Brown (BB ALT), Anthony DiMaio (Chairperson, BB), William Grafton (OG ALT), Linda Henderson (OG), Pam Reinhardt (OG), Susan Roach (OG), March Rosenthal (BB)

Members Absent: Sal Galasetti (BB)

Municipal Liaisons Present: Robert Lane (Neptune Committeeman), John Weber (BB Councilman)

Call To Order 6:05pm (Anthony DiMaio)

The Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

■ Marc Rosenthal made a motion to accept the November Minutes. Pam Reinhardt seconded and all voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: (Susan Roach)

Provident Bank Balances \$20,945.18 (Active Account), \$22,523.71 (Inactive Account)

■ Bills - JCPL (December) \$44.18, One year rental USPS Post Office Mailbox \$216.000

Marc Rosenthal made a motion to approve the USPS Mailbox \$216.00. Pam Reinhardt seconded and all voted in favor.

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New Business:

■ Anthony DiMaio made a motion that we cancel the February and resume our regular meeting schedule on March 14, 2024. Linda seconded and all voted in favor.

■ Commission Members are required to have tenure staggered appointments of 1-3 years. The following are the assignments beginning 1/1/2024:

Bradley Beach

Marc Rosenthal 1 year/expiring 12/31/2024

Sal Galasetti 2 years/expiring 12/31/2025

Anthony DiMaio 3 years/expiring 12/31/2026
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Lynda Brown Alternate expiring 12/31/2024

Neptune

Susan Roach 1 year/expiring 12/31/2024

Linda Henderson 2 years/expiring 12/31/2025

Pam Reinhardt 3 years/expiring

William Grafton Alternate expiring 12/31/2024

Upon the completion of a member's term, renewed terms are for 3 years.

Alternate terms are for 1 year.

■ Prohibited Feeding of Wildlife:

Individual(s) have been seen feeding wildlife on the Neptune side of the lake. This is strictly prohibited in Municipal Code 00-1143. Robert Lane will order additional signage for the lake perimeter.

John Weber will request assistance with cameras from Bradley Beach Police Captain Arnold.

■ Marc Rosenthal made motion to add Anthony DiMaio as a signer on the Provident Bank accounts. Pam Reinhardt seconded and all voted in favor.

John Weber suggested that FLC consider using the same provider used at Sylvan Lake for geese control. Members agreed to the idea and he will research the cost and return with the information at our next meeting.

- Neptune responded to Robert Lane's request and replaced the broken bench at the west end of the lake.

- Member of the public Kurt Cavano addressed the commission about flooding issues on the Ocean Grove side of the lake and requested a pumping station to remove excess water when needed. He was asked to put his points in writing in order that they be forwarded to the Neptune Engineer. His email is attached here.

Susan Roach made a motion to adjourn. Pam Reinhardt seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting concluded at 7:01pm

Email from Kurt Cavano

Kurt Cavano <kcavano@gmail.com> Mon, Jan 15, 2024 at 1:47 PM

To: Fletcher Lake Commission

As per your request at the Fletcher Lake Commission Meeting on January 11 2024, I am putting in an email what we discussed at the meeting. My Home at 17 Abbott Avenue along with dozens of other homes in Ocean Grove have flooded twice in the last 4 months because Fletcher Lake has overflowed its banks. The events were September 29 with 7 inches of rain and January 9th with 4 inches of rain. While these were both unusual events, the pattern of heavier rainfall due to climate change and increased development causing more runoff are only going to make this worse in the future.

Prior to both events the lake was lowered by DPW by opening the gate at low tide. Even with that, there was not enough capacity in the lake to hold all of the rain runoff.

As discussed, a better solution needs to be put in place as soon as possible as the frequency of these events seems to be accelerating.

Potential solutions include a pumping station to drain the lake during a storm, trenching the center of the lake so the lake can be lowered even more without risk to the fish, and I am sure there are others.

I urge the commission to engage the township engineers to find a real solution ASAP. As this problem is not unique to Fletcher Lake I believe the commission should also work with other lake commissions to identify best practices for flooding remediation.

Thank you.

Kurt

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Kurt Cavano

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