

MINUTES

December 28,2017 Flood Advisory Board
25 Lenox Avenue
Pompton Lakes NJ 07442

CALL TO ORDER "In conformance with the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L., Ch 231, adequate notice of this meeting setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and mailed to the Suburban Trends. The Flood Advisory Minutes binder was at the meeting to meet CRS requirements.

SALUTE THE FLAG/MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL Lauren Venin, Chairwoman
Steve Grayberg, Co Chairman
Pat Lenoy, Corresponding Secretary
Beth Schall, Recording Secretary
Julie Doncoes
Josie Brown
Steve Flormann
Joe Christiano
Maria Kent (excused)
Erik De Line, Council Liaison (excused)

Also in attendance: Ed Merrill, Environmental Officer

WELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES A motion was made by Steve G. to approve the October minutes and Julie seconded the motion. The motion was carried to approve the minutes as corrected.

MOTION TO OPEN/CLOSE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS Steve G. made a motion to open the meeting to public comments and Joe seconded the motion.

Engineers, Vincent Heckelman and Hermie Cruz of HC Engineering approached the Board to advise us that they are home elevation specialists and they have prior building experience at the Jersey shore as well as in Staten Island and New York City. Lauren advised them that the Board can not recommend any particular firm but that she would forward the information to the Building Department in town. She mentioned that homeowners are hesitant to do elevations due to the prohibitive cost and that they don't necessarily consult a home elevation specialist but rely on their contractor to do the job. Per Ed, the town is still looking to do buyouts (instead of elevations) in the future. Pat said that elevations don't really help residents in the south side of town as they still need to evacuate during each event. The current condition is FEMA wanting to move ahead with buyouts in the Passaic basin as a whole, but none are currently scheduled for Pompton Lakes.

ELECTIONS Board Elections are scheduled for the January meeting. Chair, Vice Chair and both secretary positions will be reset for 2018. Current chair and secretaries are willing to serve again. Steve G. advised that he won't be running for the Vice Chair position because he is moving out of state. A new Vice Chair will be needed, along with new chair of the Lake Restoration Committee, which he currently chairs. He will remain on the board for as much of 2018 as possible.

DEP and FLOOD MAP The Borough Administrator has reported to Lauren that new appeals for other portions of the Passaic Basin are expected to start in January and our engineers are anticipating presenting the alternate floodway calculations to FEMA as part of these appeals. Discussion with NJDEP is ongoing and continues to be favorable.

Letters concerning Elevation Certificates were distributed to residents by CERT. It seems some letters went to households not in the floodplain and several board members did not get letters. Beech East, Sunset and Madison Place did not receive it. Lauren will reach out to AI about discrepancies.

GAUGES and OUTFALLS OEM reports gauge replacement is in progress. Cameras are being installed, we think, at gauges. Work has been observed as being in progress.

RIVERWORK Riverwork is progressing. A large tree on the Ramapo is scheduled for removal soon. 16-18 trees have been removed from the Wanaque. Wanaque has been cleared from A&P south to the confluence of the Pequannock. Access agreements are being obtained for some of the remaining trees. Winter work is better ecologically. Work cannot proceed on the Pequannock until after the turtle season is over in April. Paul Darmofalski's office is still providing construction oversight.

STORM READY DESIGNATION

Our Storm Ready community designation has been renewed thanks to the Pompton Lakes OEM.

LAKE RESTORATION Dredging is complete and the dredging facility is being dismantled. The next step is installation of the cap layer. All is on schedule at this point. The eco-layer is intended to help re-establish the natural lake ecosystem.

The art contest was well received with over 100 entries. Chrome books were presented at the December council meeting. Submissions will be reviewed by LRC in January and possibly submitted to Du Pont for consideration for restoration of the lake shore.

The draft update to the Lake Management Plan is currently being held, pending conversation with the the Mayor. The council liaison needs to speak to the Mayor and request permission for LRC to contact Du Pont and request input into lake restoration. The DEP's TMDL for our lake recommends reconstruction of the outfall in the area of the work in order to reduce the phosphorus pollution.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT The Passaic County Green Infrastructure initiative is continuing per Lauren. The county program looks promising and should yield ordinance support for municipalities. The PL Building Department is looking to increase impervious coverage percentage to reduce variance requests. The Board needs to bring this concern to the attention of the ordinance committee. We need to reach out to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board and the Council liaison needs to address. The Board needs to review the ordinance prior to adoption.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE Open Space was cancelled this month but it was reported that the WGHT property was acquired.

FLOOD LEGISLATION Nothing new to report.

CRS COMMITTEE Nothing new to report.

CLIMATOLOGY Liquid equivalent reading needs to be done for the last couple weeks. This year was the wettest year since 2011 with a total of 47.78". Rainfall total for 2013 was within 2" of 2017. When comparing 2013 to 2017, the overall comparison of gauge heights and overall river levels were lower in

2017. Despite rainfall amounts, no river reached action stage in 2017. July was the wettest month this year at 6.9". Joe would like to add ambient temperature to the gauge measurement.

ADJOURNMENT Lauren made a motion to adjourn and Steve G. seconded the motion. 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Schall