

## MINUTES

May 24, 2018 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 Board minutes binder was at the meeting to meet CRS requirements,

### SALUTE THE FLAG/MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

Also in attendance: Ed Merrill, Environmental Officer

### WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS No food or drink in Council Chambers

MINUTES Steve G. made a motion to accept the April minutes as corrected and Steve F. seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

MOTION TO OPEN/CLOSE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Lauren made a motion to open for public comment and Steve G. seconded the motion. Lauren advised the FAB that Ed would be retiring in September. She congratulated Ed on his positive impact to the community and Steve G. suggested that the Board should plan something to recognize him. Ed reassured the Board that he has archived all the maps and information and he will make them available. Lauren will meet informally with Ed to review and Ed said he would be reachable if we have questions going forward. Lauren spoke to Kevin regarding an interim plan but Erik advised the FAB that the Borough would not seek to fill his position.

LETTER TO RESIDENTS REGARDING ILLEGAL DUMPING- The letter to residents regarding illegal dumping in our waterways is on the Borough website but, per Lauren, we need to circulate it again. At the recent PPI required for CRS credit, an outreach was requested to new residents, including renters. Renters could be contacted in tandem with their quarterly water bills. Steve F. will update the letter immediately and Lauren will follow up with Liz to try to piggyback the letter with the Borough calendar, which comes out at the end of June.

2018 RIVER ASSESSMENT RESULTS AND SUMMARY The drone river assessment data was recently reviewed by Lauren, Steve G. and Steve F. Lauren stated that they were able to do all the review work in

75% less time than the manual inspections. There are about 100 spots that need attention and each was overlaid with the drone data to give the FAB a clear picture of areas that need attention. The Board will investigate problem areas on foot to advise the Borough as to what needs prompt attention. There was some concern about collapsed inground pools and possible mosquito issues.

Per Ed, Paul Darmofalski Engineering will be doing the field work and oversight. The field contact is Tom Ott. Steve G. mentioned that we should update our priorities list in light of all the new trees down due to recent storms. Lauren will re-write and will include a PDF map from Steve F. She will sort by condition and will color code the map and include a list. She will export the data table from Nick, marking areas of concern. The Board needs to create a priority map and update the River Work Action Plan before the next meeting, in anticipation of the June 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Lauren would like Board members to attend the Council meeting for the presentation.

DEP and FLOOD MAPS The DEP is still reviewing the Borough's formal appeal of the flood maps. Lauren said that we need to verify if the Borough received a Letter of Determination. Pequannock is appealing their maps which should help restart the dialogue.

GAUGES and OUTFALLS The surveyor has been selected and Ed will follow up on the permit for the headwall repair.

LAKE RESTORATION COMMITTEE Part of the Acid Brook Delta has been re-opened. There is a new turbidity curtain and residents may use boats if they stay under 5 mph and stay out of the way of the work being completed. Work continues on the North end of the lake. They are removing part of the sheet piling by the school and they hope to finish by the end of September. They are working on the gravel/eco-layer now and will be restoring the park area during the summer. The black curtain is still up and they know what plants they are going to use but haven't disclosed specific site plans.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT The recent Rain Barrel Workshop was well attended (9 residents and 9 more interested). A second demonstration will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. Steve G. mentioned the possibility of having a rain barrel decorating contest next year.

OPEN SPACE Erik discussed the referendum to modify the Open Space trust fund. The proposed referendum discussed changes based upon public comments. There is a desire to fund "conservation" projects through open space funding. This would help with our CRS rating. An ordinance is being drafted for inclusion in the November ballot. It will be introduced on June 13<sup>th</sup> and Council will do a second reading and final adoption at the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. From there, it gets filed with the Passaic County Clerk's office at least 81 days before the general election.

Erik also advised that the Morris Greenway County project is 90% complete. Plantings and benches will finish off the project. It is a mile-long path which starts at the Mathes/Riverview area along the Ramapo, continues behind Stiles park, crosses Dawes Highway and back to the river. It ends at Lincoln Ave. There was a brief discussion of future projects to connect other paths to this one. Ed stated that the trees on Riveredge will be removed. Pat asked if benches and wastebaskets could be anchored to avoid loss during storms and if we can use the ground up trees at the trails and Erik will look into it. Julie mentioned that the ATV signs are down on Birch Avenue and Ramapo St. and Lauren said we should address that.

FLOOD LEGISLATION COMMITTEE Amy Johnston for Asm. Rooney's office said we are in need of state funding. Mayor and Council recommend applying for state funding in our updated Action Plan.

CRS COMMITTEE Liz had a few meetings with Nick Agnoli and staff to prepare the upcoming 2018 audit. The DPW, Building Department, and the OEM have begun to gather information to present during the audit. The Program for Public Information, which is a CRS requirement, was held recently and had a good turnout as well as good discussions. Per Liz, the audit is very cumbersome and demanding. All the activities need to be documented and supported with proof the activities have been addressed, continued or are ongoing. The Borough has begun to send out letters to new homeowners and homeowners who reside in the flood area. The Borough continues to seek ways to address flooding and at the same time provide a discount to residents who require flood insurance.

CLIMATOLOGY Joe mentioned that with automatic gauges, higher wind events can show false high readings and Lauren asked if we can track wind data as part of the climatology report. In May we had lots of rain although the biggest storm only produced a half inch of rain. An average year produces about 35-40 inches and we have had 28.86 inches already this year. We experienced no flooding issues on April 16<sup>th</sup> despite the fact that the rivers were at or over capacity, or at "action" stage. Prior June rain amounts are 2.75 inches in 2017, 2.25 inches in 2016 and 8.0 inches in 2015. A high wind event storm on Saturday produced 288 downed lines in the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT Steve G. made a motion to adjourn and Pat seconded the motion. 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Beth Schall