

MINUTES June 28, 2018

Flood Advisory Board
25 Lenox Avenue
Pompton Lakers, 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
Erik DeLine, Council Liaison
Julie Doncoes (excused)
Josie Brown
Maria Kent (excused)
Steve Grayberg (excused)
Joe Christiano

WELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES Steve F. made a motion to accept the May 24th minutes as written and Pat seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

MOTION TO OPEN/CLOSE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS Pat made a motion to open for public comment and Steve F. seconded the motion.

LETTER TO RESIDENTS REGARDING ILLEGAL DUMPING Since it is cost prohibitive to do a mailing of the illegal dumping letter, Lauren suggested that Storm Water Management distribute the letter at Pompton Day. Ed also suggested that the FAB distribute the letter at the National Day Out on August 2nd as an additional community outreach. Lauren said that FAB should update the Illegal Dumping letter and the 2012 Mitigation pamphlet to hand out at the event. Steve F. added that we could raffle off 2 rain barrels (one complete barrel and one kit and barrel). The board could also contact CERT volunteers to assist in distributing the updated information.

2018 RIVER ASSESSMENT PRESENTED TO COUNCIL The presentation on Wednesday was well received. Lauren anticipated more technical questions about the drone but did not get many. Steve F. said that the overlap in mapping helped residents understand the data. This new information may help us with downstream neighbors. Beth asked if we could compel Wayne to clean up their side of the river since we have such good data/pictures or, alternatively, can we clean their side when our side is being worked on. Lauren said it was unlikely. Ed added that it is an insurance issue which would require performance bonds. He did say though, that Pompton Lakes, Pompton Plains and Wayne worked together in 1984 to mitigate flooding.

Mayor and Council will look into it and may reach out to Wayne Township. Lauren said the town is requesting back data from prior work on the river so that they can investigate grants. Per Lauren, the data goes back to 2010 when the river assessments by the FAB began. By 2012 there was dramatic improvement. In 2013 the data was updated but in 2014 there was no movement due to permit issues. In 2016, we finally started again with full surveys. All this information is being provided by Lauren to Al, Kevin, Erik, Nick, Liz and Darmofalski. PDFs of the presentation are now on the website, per Erik. Ed said that our contractor has removed trees and debris along the river and the work is 95% completed. Lauren/Pat will print a copy of the map to include in our binder for easy reference.

DEP and FLOOD MAPS There has been no progress as we are waiting to hear from the DEP.

GAUGES and OUTFALLS Per Steve F., the set up of the manual gauges is in progress. There is no update from Al at this time.

RUTGERS FLOOD PLAIN MASTER PLAN PROJECT The Borough Administrator has included funding for the 2nd phase of the Rutgers Floodplain and Habitat Restoration proposal in the 2018-2019 budget. Mayor and Council will vote to approve the proposal at the July 18th Council meeting. This will include surveys initially with the goal of rebuilding buffers. Per Lauren, we know what plants will work because of our prior Hershfield Park work. We know what grasses did well and what we can split and replant. Erik noted that the Borough is pursuing Sustainable Jersey grants, working to have the Borough certified by the organization, and having plans from Rutgers will help receive future grants to perform the work.

LAKE RESTORATION COMMITTEE Steve G. was excused from this meeting. There was a brief discussion about the boating ordinance, in part, because of boats blocking Lakeside Avenue. The Mayor is reaching out to the PL Elks regarding possibly permitting boaters to park trailers there during non-event days. A boat launch fee was mentioned but would require police to enforce. Ed said that DuPont is restoring a larger area than before during their remediation. They could use some land by Acid Brook for parking.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE The second Rain Barrel Workshop was held recently. There were 4 attendees and 4 more rain barrels were delivered to residents. A total of 17 rain barrels have been added in 2 months' time. SWM will plan another rain garden event in the fall.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE Per Ed, there was no meeting this month and OS is cancelling the July meeting, as well.

He relayed that there is an ordinance in the works for public referendum in the November general election. Also, they are going after a sustainability certification recognition program which could earn the borough additional grant money. Ed suggested that the FAB identify certain actions that committees could work on. Lauren said that we will be better able to make suggestions after the Rutgers survey is done. Lauren will reach out to Nick regarding CRS credits and documentation after the Rutgers project is authorized.

FLOOD LEGISLATION COMMITTEE Per Josie, the NFIP authorization has not been extended yet. If there is no reauthorization, insurers would not be able to write new policies. Individual consumers would be covered until their policies expire. FEMA would continue to pay out claims until they ran out of money. When Congress reauthorizes NFIP the authorization would most likely be retroactive, as it has in the past. Josie is following the Menendez bill and the Mike Crapo (R-Id) and Sherrod Brown (D-Oh) bills but there is no movement on either bill. Amy from Asm. Rooney's office requested a PDF of the presentation and will make time to review it.

CRS COMMITTEE Nick requested our 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 hazard assessment data and Lauren gave him the links so he can pull the data he needs. As this is an audit year, there will be a meeting in August. Ed has already submitted and archived his data in preparation for the meeting. Steve F. inquired as to whether the new DPW head was aware of what needs to be done going forward and Ed said that he reviewed procedure with the DPW head. Steve F. and Lauren will follow up with AI.

CLIMATOLOGY Per Joe, May and June were dry months. May had a 9 day stretch of no precipitation and June had a 16 day stretch of no precipitation. The reservoir dropped substantially during this period. July is typically a time for isolated thunderstorms. Last year we got 7 inches of precipitation. Next week we expect hot, humid days with little rain.

ADJOURNMENT Josie made a motion to adjourn and Pat seconded the motion. **8:48pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Schall