

MINUTES

July 26, 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
Steve Grayberg
Joe Christiano (excused)
Maria Kent (excused)
Erik DeLine, Council Liaison

Also in attendance: Al Evangelista, OEM Manager and Mike Serra, Mayor

NO FOOD OR DRINK IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES Steve G. made a motion to approve the June 2018 minutes as corrected and Steve F. seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

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

RUTGERS MASTER PLAN On Wednesday, the Pompton Lakes Council passed a resolution authorizing a contract with Rutgers Water Resource Department for professional services to develop designs for flood mitigation projects on preserved open space in the Borough. Steve F. met with the Rutgers planners to acquaint them with the area. He took them around town to show them areas of interest, including River Edge Drive, Joe Grill Field and areas behind Wanaque Avenue. He has the GIS data and will compile it so they can begin their desktop analysis. Conceptual and preliminary plans will be completed by the first quarter of 2019. Rutgers plans on doing the fieldwork between now and September and are hoping to have a final presentation ready by the end of January 2019. They will also reach out to Borough committees to discuss overlapping interests and work toward common goals for the land use. Some goals that were discussed include:

- Compiling a list of vacant properties that are a priority to form more contiguous plans and possibly remove impermeable surfaces and streets
- Working with recreation to contain all the ballfields

-Working with BID during downtown re-development plans for land behind Wanaque Avenue. Following the completion of the Rutgers Study, the next steps would be to secure grant money for implementation.

FEMA FUNDING Following a letter to FEMA dated June 24, 2018 from Lauren regarding the urgency of removing downed trees from the river and subsequent inquiries to Kevin and Asm. Frelinghuysen, FEMA is scheduled to meet with Kevin and AI to talk about some funding to cover tree removal, labor and damaged equipment costs. Lauren will supply AI with a hard copy of pictures of downed trees. AI would like a River Maintenance Plan ready prior to the next flood event. He has a permit in hand for restoration work, but he is going to pre-apply to DEP to temporarily dump debris during cleanup after a flood to prevent future delays in post-storm cleanups. Mike passed along information from the Borough Administrator that the FEMA funding for the removal of storm related trees might be able to receive FEMA funding since the winter storms were classified as disasters. AI added that FEMA informed him that cost reimbursement for items such as snow removal for these events has been extended to schools and religious centers.

DEP and FLOOD MAPS There has not been any movement on the map review. Erik will touch base with Kevin and he will follow-up with Mayor Serra who will reach out to Joe and Nick. Per Mike, Joe Skupien is confident that he has convinced some of NJDEP's engineers that the modified approach is acceptable but the revisions are held up in NJDEP's management.

GAUGES and OUTFALLS Per AI, manually read gauges were recently installed in the following areas;

- Dawes Highway
- Hershfield Park
- the foot bridge at W Lenox
- the Van Ness Bridge
- Wanaque Bridge

BFEs still need to be marked on the gauges and we need to consider electronic gauges in the future.

MAYOR SERRA'S REPORT The Mayor announced that the River Walk project is complete. He wants to use the map data from FAB to identify issues for further improvements. The Borough was informed by the Chemors engineers that the Lakeside Avenue Bridge over Acid Brook appears to need repair. Mike noted that Passaic County has the bridge on their list for replacement and the County has informed the Borough that they are waiting for the Chemors work to be completed before they perform any work on the bridge. The Chemors restoration plan along the lake originally included porous concrete, but the Borough recommended standard concrete since the proper maintenance would become a burden on the Borough resources. The dock has been temporarily removed from the lake and the borough is working on an agreement with the Elks club for trailer parking. The fire boat has been out twice and the lake has no issues and is looking better than it has in years according to the Mayor. Also, NFIP was re-authorized yesterday through November. He added that new basketball hoops have been installed at Stiles Park.

LAKE RESTORATION COMMITTEE Five Gazebo-type picnic tables will be installed and bolted down by the lake. Steve G. said that Liz will put the contest artwork on Channel 77. The committee plans to renew the photo contest next year. Steve G. requested that Erik put the art on the borough website as well.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE The committee plans on running another Rain Garden demo on October 13, 2018. They are going to get the signs from DPW and have them installed at Hershfield shortly. There was a brief discussion of the “pocket park” on Dawes Highway and possibly making it more useful.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE Meetings in the last two months were cancelled.

FLOOD LEGISLATION COMMITTEE Josie continues to monitor two bills that are of interest to the FAB; [S28-62](#) regarding flood risk mitigation and [HR-5846](#) regarding the buyout practices of FEMA. Lauren asked that Josie prepare a summary of the bills that pertain to flood mitigation for review by the board at the September meeting. We will discuss the possibility of letter writing campaigns or other measures at that time.

CRS COMMITTEE Lauren received an email from Liz asking for information on problems determined during the most recent FAB river assessment. DPW also needs to know what areas still need to be assessed. Per Steve F., the DPW will have to inspect all the detention basins also.

CLIMATOLOGY Joe was excused tonight but Lauren reported that we are expecting 2.5” of rain this week and we had 2.3” already over the weekend. The gates did not need to be opened despite the volume of rain. Lauren mentioned her concern about the language barrier issue regarding information dissemination during events, as many non-English speaking people are moving into the area.

ADJOURNMENT Steve G. made a motion to adjourn and Julie seconded the motion. 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Schall