

MINUTES

September 27, 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 folder was at the meeting to meet CRS requirements.

SALUTE THE FLAG/MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL Lauren Venin, Chairwoman
Steve Flormann, Co-Chairman (excused)
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, Al Evangelista, OEM Coordinator and Ed Merrill, Environmental Officer

MINUTES Steve G. Made a motion to accept the August minutes as written and Lauren seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.

PPI Update C.E.R.T. covered the Child Educational Outreach requirement at Lincoln Elementary School, with help from Julie and Erik. Per Lauren, gauges will be added to map locations once Erik gets the GIS points. Lauren will connect with Liz to make sure she has all documentation needed for CRS. Lauren will check with Nick Agnoli to see if we need to add gauge locations to our online mapping. Information regarding the rain garden workshop has been submitted already. Per Lauren, we need to coordinate the next annual PPI meeting with Liz and Nick. Al said that he will purchase some kid-friendly materials to help target the school-age audience. He is hoping that the local PTAs can help with the distribution.

DAM OPERATION Lauren would like the FAB to consider what we need to ask for in a flood emergency prior to the next event. She spoke with Mayor Serra and asked him to question our consultants as to whether any new information is being considered in regard to the 2015 mapping and we also need to ask the DEP to work with us. Al cautioned that there is a point of no return, as the dam is only designed to withstand a 40 year event. He added that the dam project was supposed to continue downstream, which has not happened. Lauren asked Al to talk to the Mayor about having an agreement in place with the DEP to have a human being in

place when we have a significant event. Al said that the Mayor can make a request and that it has been done before. He will talk to Council about redesigning the bridge at the base of the dam to help the water clear the area more efficiently. Per Al, the North District Water Supply Company is now overseeing the dam.

DEP REGARDING MAPS AND FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT There has been no recent activity but we anticipate hearing from RUTGERS regarding the Master Plan in October.

LAKE RESTORATION COMMITTEE The LRC is having a written composition contest through the English departments in the PL schools. It will be divided into 3 age groups and the committee has a Chromebook for each of the 3 winners. They are planning on resuming the photo contest and will start promoting it this spring. The lake and the grounds are reported to be looking great.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE There was no meeting this month but the Civic Center has been reserved on October 13th at 10:00am for the Rain Garden Workshop.. This event is posted on Facebook and Lauren would like FAB to spread the word. Sign locations at Hershfield Park are marked out and ready for installation. Per Lauren, the riparian buffers and grasses are growing very well with hardly any maintenance.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE The Morris Canal Greenway projects will continue into early 2019. Through the City Green Dig-In Grant the committee received 1000 daffodil bulbs which they plan on planting this fall. The most recent River Cleanup took place on September 23, 2018 at Hershfield Park. 50 Volunteers, including teachers and students were present.

In 2010, the town signed up for the Sustainable Jersey Certification. They are working on identifying actions that the town has not completed. They believe they have a Bronze standing and are working toward a Silver standing.

The Open Space Trust Fund Balance is at \$332,978.00. The Open Space Trust Fund Referendum is on the November 2018 ballot. Passage of this referendum will not increase real estate taxes but will allow monies collected under this tax to be opened to be used in a larger scope and locations of projects.

The Trails Maintenance Sub Committee is planning a fall cleanup and a possible cleanup or bulb planting in October.

A sub-committee was formed to develop a concept plan for the Mueller property (a small strip of land located next to the Lake and Lakeside Avenue between the gazebo and the bridge).

Sub-committee members include: Maria Kent, Karen Murphy, Randy Hinton and Julie Doncoes. A possible Community Garden is still under review from the DEP.

FLOOD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE Josie researched the 3 current bills regarding NFIP funding and distributed to the FAB members for review. NFIP certification runs out again in November. Lauren asked that we read through the summaries to find both the best benefits and the worst detriments within each bill to determine if it would be useful to do a letter campaign to our officials.

CRS COMMITTEE All documentation has been submitted to Liz and Nick has made his submission and is waiting to hear from FEMA. We need to prepare a Watershed Maintenance Plan in order to work toward a CRS rating of 4.

CLIMATOLOGY Per Joe, August was a brutal month with a total of 10.86 inches of rain, the second highest on record since 2011. September is typically a dry month but we got a deluge with Florence with a total of 7 inches for this month, to date. Despite a wet September, the reservoirs are fine and the rivers are behaving.

ADJOURNMENT Steve G. made a motion to adjourn and Pat seconded the motion. 9:08pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Schall