

MINUTES

May 26, 2022 @ 7:33pm
Flood Advisory Board
25 Lenox Avenue
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

CALL TO ORDER “In conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting of the Flood Advisory Board has been posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and notification made to the Suburban Trends.” In addition, notice of remote meeting call in number and web access were made available on the Borough website, Facebook page and at the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Lauren Venin, Chairwoman	Josephine Brown
Steve Flormann, Co-Chairman (excused)	Joseph Christiano (excused)
Pat Lenoy, Corresponding Secretary	Kathleen Cole
Cristiane Jennings, Recording Secretary	Julie Doncoes
Maria Kent, Council Liaison	Harold Vandermark

VISITORS

Al Evangelista (OEM)

SALUTE TO THE FLAG, MOMENT OF SILENCEWELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS – Lauren welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for their continued support.

MINUTES – Motion by Josie Brown to accept the April meeting minutes, seconded by Katie Cole, all in favor.

Open Public Comments – No public present.

Emergency Flood Legislation – DEP issued an emergency authorization for new flood legislation effective June 13, 2022. Lauren received 45-page report on May 24, 2022. It is meant to protect against climate transition. Its justification stems from the unprecedented damage after last summer’s storm Ida. It raises the design flood elevation by an additional two feet, bringing it to three feet above flood plain. That is six inches more than what we have but will be a lot more for other communities. In addition, the type of soil will also determine flood level. This will support the deployment of Ida recovery and water infrastructure investments. This will not apply to existing development, only new construction. Public comment period will be through fourth quarter this year. Lauren shared 45-page report with all members for review. She commented that upland communities should take some responsibility as well. Restrictions should not only apply to flood plain. Rain and runoff come from the upland areas where it can be curtailed as well. Lauren will enter this information during the comment period. Our borough flood administrator, building department and borough administrator need to be aware of this new legislation. It was noted that the new borough administrator is expected to attend our next meeting.

CRS Audit – Every three years there is a full audit. Kathy Troast ordered pamphlets for us. In addition, door hangers from DEP will be emailed to us for review. Want to see what information is provided before ordering them.

Fall Outreach Program – Rain barrel and rain garden workshop plans were discussed. A local resident has reached out and would love to host a workshop at the north end of Lincoln Ave. This would be a good, targeted area for storm water management during flash flooding. The drainpipes there are unable to manage a large amount of rainwater. It is overloaded by the side streets. Installation of rain barrels and rain gardens in that area would help to catch the first 1-2

inches of rain, alleviating the runoff. We'll plan to review some dates at the July meeting. Guidance material will be provided.

Logs on Dam – Al Evangelista explained most of the logs have been removed with the remainder expected to be removed within a few days. He believes the contractor has been contracted but will verify.

Dawes Highway Bridge – Al shared that Passaic County engineers are actively working on plans. It is important that we stay involved and that they continue to contact us for advice.

River Work – Drone operator Mike Koch was able to record most of the river locations except for a small area of the Wanaque River north of Hamburg Tpk. It is a little difficult to access that area, but doable. Hal will try to get this area with a GoPro that can use GPS mapping. Julie is concerned with four trees down and a possible three more on the Pequannock that will cause back up into the south end of Pompton Lakes. During meeting, Lauren sent urgent email to borough requesting plan of action for trees blocking flow of the Pequannock River. Discussion followed of Dave at DMK who will be retiring soon and how important it is to hire a new contractor.

Google Drive – Lauren explained records, climate reports, permits, bylaws and other relevant information is stored on Google Drive which is shareable with all members. It is an efficient way to keep our files in one location and easily accessible for CRS Audits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT –Mug wort smothering attempt was completed Sunday May 1st concurrent with river clean up. Trail Maintenance crew and two high school girls from the Environmental Club joined us. We were excited to find out that Josie Brown's daughter in law Amanda Brown has been asked to head the HS Environmental Club.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE – None.

FLOOD LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Nothing new, no movement.

CRS COMMITTEE – See CRS Audit above.

CLIMATOLOGY – Rain total for April was 5.98 inches. Average is 3.6". May so far is at 3.69 inches. Average is 4.7". YTD is 20.15 inches. Reservoir is below flood stage. Rivers are stable.

ADJOURNMENT – Katie Cole made a motion to adjourn, and Josie Brown seconded the motion at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Cristiane Jennings