

**GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

LOCATION: Middlesex Public Library
Middlesex NJ

DATE: June 1, 2016

MEETING CONVENED: 7:30PM

NOTE:

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided informing the public of time and place according to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Raymond Murray . Green Brook	John Sweeney . Middlesex Boro
Bill Crosby . North Plainfield	Paul Woska . Middlesex Boro
Frank McArdle . North Plainfield	Ted Bassman . Scotch Plains
Paul Leso . Union County Engineering	George Ververides . Middlesex Cty Planning
Rob Zucker . Winning Strategies	Diane Toliver . Plainfield City Council
Alice Tempel . South Plainfield	Linda Piffer . Resident
John Schmidt . Resident	Ted Fertecki . Resident
Louis Rossi . Resident	Bud & Louise Crede . Residents

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Murray reported no correspondence was received. The GBFCC maintains a correspondence file that is available for inspection as may be necessary and upon request.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 4/6/16 meeting were approved. A copy of the approved minutes is available on the GBFCC website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Crosby provided the monthly report and bills for June. Bills for the months of June were approved for payment. Treasurer's report and budget is available on-line and are also available for inspection upon request.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Chairman Murray reported on behalf of Robert Greco, Project Manager for USACE as follows:

Bound Brook

The levee, floodwall and pump station have been completed.

A draft LOMR was issued by FEMA on March 18, 2016. FEMA initiated two newspaper ads that the LOMR (Letter of Map Revision) was being issued. Mayor Fazen (Bound Brook) will be

hosting a public meeting on June 27, with FEMA, NJDEP, GBFCC and Congressional staff present. They will be soliciting comments/questions from the public on the revised maps. The LOMR will be effective July 18, 2016. At that time, residents will be able to apply to FEMA for reduction in their flood insurance.

The final turnover of all of the Bound Brook features is anticipated shortly.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled in bound Brook in early to mid-August. The date is still being determine.

Middlesex

Segment B-2 . Freshwater Wetland Individual Permit and Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit submitted to NJDEP LURP on May 2, 2016. Comments provided by NJDEP on May 26, 2016 with responses provided by NY District Engineering May 27, 2016.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army has signed the Determination of Taking required for the Muniz condemnation. It is anticipated that the U S Attorney will receive the package during June 2016.

Current timing calls for Advertisement on July 13, bid opening on August 29, and contact award on September 12.

Segment B-3 . Treatment Works Approval (TWA) permit is awaiting signature by Mayor DiMura of Middlesex and the American Legion, which will then be sent to NJDEP. This must be received back from NJDEP before contract opening/award.

Questions from bidders are being fielded by USACE, which will cause a slight delay in bid opening.

It is hoped that bid opening and award will still occur in June or early July.

Segment H . Property owners at 225 s. Lincoln Ave are still searching for a new home, after their original contract for purchase fell through. This home will be demolished to make way for the project.

Segment C-1 . Contract for Surveys, Borings and Wetland Delineations has been negotiated with the contract and should be awarded in June.

Green Brook/Dunellen

Jefferson Ave Bridge (razing) . Project is complete, except for some changes to the as-built drawings

Upper Basin

USACE and NJDEP have agreed to a scope of work and budget of \$3 million for the re-study of the upper basin. Two of the previous six options will be eliminated as noted below:

- 1) Recommended plan from 1997 GRR . includes channel modifications & detention basin at Skytop
- 2) New Providence gorge detention basin (location 1 from January 2001 screening report) with channel modifications & detention basin
- 3) ELIMINATED-New Providence gorge detention basin (location 2 from January 2001 screening report) with channel modifications & detention basin
- 4) ELIMINATED-Option was a placeholder for new ideas by the locals.
- 5) 10 & 25-year non-structural plan (any structure in Plainfield within flood plain)

- 6) Current lower basin plan (no upper basin plan, no Skytop or channelization in Plainfield) . will only include channel modification for Stony Brook & whatever is included in the lower basin (assuming nothing is built in the upper basin)

WINNING STRATEGIES

Mr. Zucker reported the following:

Both the House and Senate have included \$10 million for FY 17 budgets. The Senate has approved their version of the Energy and Water Bill. The House has not, due to some riders added to the original spending bill that some member will not agree to. We will likely need to wait and see, but the project may continue under a Continuing Resolution until after the November elects.

Middlesex County

Mr. Ververides reported on the successful negotiation of a contract for the maintenance and operation of the B-1 Segments of the project with Somerset County.

A resident asked about the timing of the start and completion of the B-2 Segment. Mr. Murray will confirm the timing and relate that back to Mr. Rossi. Further discussion questioned if the notch in the B-1 levee would be removed as part of the B-2 construction or will be removed as part of B-4. Mr. Murray will likewise report back to the resident on that question.

Resident question what protection would be constructed further east in the Borough. Chairman Murray showed a map with the project features shown.

Plainfield Councilmember Tolliver asked about the timing of the Upper Basin restudy and when that might result in reduced insurance rates in Plainfield and Scotch Plains. Chairman Murray explained that not only would the study take some time to complete, current ongoing construction and funding would not result in any construction in that area for a number of years.

QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

GBFCC ENGINEER

No Report.

NJ DEP

No report.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

Chairman Murray noted that the Memorial Service will be held on August 6th at 930 am, at the American Legion Pavilion located behind the Library.

Listed are the GBFCC meeting dates:

2016

August 6 - American Legion Pavilion (behind Middlesex Library)

October 5 –Scotch Plains

December 7 – Plainfield Library

A motion was made and approved to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM