

**GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

LOCATION: American Legion Pavilion
Middlesex NJ

DATE: August 6, 2016

MEETING CONVENED: 9:30 AM

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
Bill Crosby . North Plainfield
Frank McArdle . North Plainfield
Bud & Louise Crede . Residents

John Sweeney . Middlesex Boro
Ron DiMura . Mayor . Middlesex Boro
Brian C. Wahler . Mayor . Piscataway Twp
Unsigned Resident - Jeff

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 6/1/16 meeting were approved. A copy of the approved minutes is available on the GBFCC website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Murray presented the monthly report and bills for August. Bills for the months of August were approved for payment. Treasurer's report and budget is available upon request.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Commissioner Frank McArdle led the ceremony remembering the six persons the lost their life during the August 1973 storms in Plainfield and North Plainfield, as well as the two lives lost in 1999 during Hurricane Floyd in Bound Brook, as follows:

William Clark, age 57, of Plainfield
Richard Sciarretta, age 32, of Bernardsville
Keith Stewart, age 21, of Warren

Stephen Langhorne, age 15 of North Plainfield
Jerry Spinner, age 45, of Warren
Harry Timmens, age 30, of Plainfield

Mary Tharp, age 85, of Bound Brook

John Tharp, age 58, of Bound Brook

Commissioner McArdle also remembered the officials that were instrumental in the formation and progress of the Commission who have passed, including the following:

Vernon Noble, former Mayor of Green Brook and long-time Chairman of the Commission
Marty Matuskiewicz, former Mayor of Middlesex and Vice-Chair of the Commission
Larry Newcombe, former Mayor of Scotch Plains and Vice-Chair of the Commission
Frank Meeks, former Plainfield Councilman and Treasurer of the Commission
David Crabiel, Middlesex County Freeholder Director
U. S. Representative Bob Franks
U. S. Senator Frank Lautenberg

Commissioner McArdle spoke of the history of the memorial service, which started as an effort by the local communities and was one year later taken over by the Commission. For more than 40 years, this remembrance serves as a reminder of the past, and as a call to rededicate the mission of the Commission, which is to bring meaningful flood control relief to the entire 64 square mile basin.

Bound Brook

Chairman Murray remarked on how slow progress is progress all the same, and announced that a ribbon cutting celebrating the completion of construction in Bound Brook will be held on Monday., August 15, at 1:00 pm. More details will follow shortly.

Effective July 18, 2016, the new Flood maps are in effect in Bound Brook, moving hundreds of properties out of the flood plan, and removing the requirement or greatly reducing the cost of insurance and most homes in the area.

Middlesex

Segment B-2 . Chairman Murray reported that the final piece of real estate needed before going out to bid for this segment is awaiting condemnation action by the Department of Justice. It is anticipated that the real estate will be in place and this segment will be released for bid in the coming months.

Segment B-3 . USACE has received bids on this segment and is in the process of reviewing the submittal. There has been a protest lodged by a bidder on this segment.

QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A resident asked about the timing of work in Middlesex. Chairman Murray reported that following the award of Segments B-3 and B-2, work will move to the upstream sections of the Bound Brook in Middlesex Borough, in Segments H and C

Listed are the GBFCC meeting dates:

2016

October 5 –Scotch Plains

December 7 – Plainfield Library

A motion was made and approved to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:15 AM