

**GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

LOCATION: Miller Park, Green Brook

DATE: August 5, 2017

MEETING CONVENED: 9:30 AM

NOTE: Adequate notice of this meeting was provided informing the public of the 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 J. Sweeney . Middlesex Boro
Paul Woska . Middlesex
Theodore Bassman . Scotch Plains
Bill Crosby . North Plainfield
George Ververides-Middlesex Cty Planning

Frank McArdle . North Plainfield
Mayor Brian Wahler . Piscataway
Janice Gould . Somerville
Bud & Louise Crede . Middlesex
Tom & Donna Butler . Dunellen
Members of the Timmins Family . Plainfield

MINUTES

The minutes from the June 7, 2017 meeting were not acted upon. A copy of the draft minutes are available on the GBFCC website.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

The GBFCC maintains a correspondence file that is available for inspection as may be necessary and upon request.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bills were reviewed and found to be in order. Bills were paid to Grotto Engineering, Winning Strategies, Tina Totten our Corresponding Secretary, as well as for postage. Motion was made for bills to be paid. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report and budget is available on-line and available for inspection upon request.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Chairman Murray opened the meeting, welcomed those present, and after the presentation of bills, turned the meeting over to Legislative Chair and Master of Ceremonies McArdle, who presided over the service.

Commissioner McArdle thanked those present for attending this annual service, where we remember those who perished during the flooding. Those who lost their lives forty-four years ago include William Clark (age 57, Plainfield), Stephen Langhorne (age 15, North Plainfield), Richard Sciarretta (age 32, Bernardsville), Jerry Spinner (age 45, Warren), Keith Stewart (age 21, Warren), and Harry Timmens (age 30, Plainfield). The ceremony also remembered Mary

Tharp (age 85) and her son John Tharp (age 58), who lost their lives September 17, 1999, during the Downtown flooding in Bound Brook, caused by Hurricane Floyd.

Commissioner McArdle also fondly remembered those who worked tirelessly for the project who have passed, including Founding Chairman Vernon Noble and his wife Shirley (Green Brook), former Vice-Chairman Marty Matuskiewicz (Middlesex), former Vice-Chairman Larry Newcombe (Scotch Plains), former Treasurer Frank Meeks (Plainfield), former Councilman and Mayor Tony Addario (Watchung), Middlesex County Freeholder Director David Crabiel, Senator Frank Lautenburg, and Assemblyman and Congressman Bob Franks. He also fondly remembered Patricia Sweeney, wife of Vice-Chairman Sweeney, for her support of the Commission.

In his opening comments, Commissioner McArdle commented that although progress has been slow, progress has been made, especially for the people of Bound Brook. Chairman Murray echoed those comments, and pointed to two construction projects underway, and the Federal commitment of \$20 million for the Green Brook project in the upcoming year. Both vowed to continue to fight for the funding, in order to bring meaningful flood protection throughout the Green Brook basin, from Bound Brook to the Upper Basin, along with the Stony Brook.

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTIES

Somerset County

None.

Middlesex County

George Ververides reported that they are very pleased with the continued work in Middlesex Borough.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:30 AM

Upcoming 2017 GBFCC meeting dates:

October 4 – NEW Watchung Borough Hall

December 6 - Plainfield