

**GREEN BROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

LOCATION: Green Brook

DATE: August 4, 2018

MEETING CONVENED: 9:30AM

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 S. Murray . GBFCC Chairman	Patrick Boccio . Green Brook
George Ververides. Middlesex Cty Planning	Frank McArdle . North Plainfield
John J. Sweeney . Middlesex	Linda & Lou Piffer . Middlesex
Bill Crosby . North Plainfield	Janice Gould . Somerville
Tom & Donna Butler . Martinsville	Members of the Timmins Family . Plainfield

MINUTES

The minutes from the June 2018 meeting were approved. A copy of the approved minutes is available on the GBFCC website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Out-going bills to our consulting engineer Grotto Engineering, our secretary Tina Totten and our public relations firm Winning Strategies were examined by finance committee and found to be proper. Motion was made for bills to be paid. Motion carried.

All municipalities and Counties have paid their bills.

CORRESPONDENCE

None to be reported. Some internal emails & correspondence amongst team.

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

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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 Commission Chairman Joe Debler (Piscataway), former Councilman and Mayor Tony Addario (Watchung), Middlesex County Freeholder Director David Crabel, Senator Frank Lautenburg, and State Assemblyman and U. S. Congressman Bob Franks. He also fondly remembered Patricia Sweeney, wife of Vice-Chairman Sweeney, for her support of the Commission.

Chairman Murray spoke about the continued efforts of the Commission to increase funding in FY19 from the current \$5 million Federal allocation, noting that USACE and NJDEP can easily support a Federal expenditure of \$40 million for that year.

#### QUESTIONS / COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTIES

##### **Middlesex County**

George Ververides echoed the sentiments, remembering the lives lost on behalf of Middlesex County.

#### QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Mr. Butler thanked the Municipal and Counties officials comprising the Commission for their decades-long efforts in support of bringing the flood protection to the region. He further noted that over time, many newer residents have no knowledge of the devastation that occurred in 1973.

Mr. Piffer asked about future plans of the project in Middlesex Borough. Chairman Murray explained that the will be locations in segment be that will purposely skipped so as to not induce flooding, until portions of Segment C can be constructed on the opposite bank.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:25 AM

Upcoming 2018 GBFCC meeting dates:

**October 3 – Scotch Plains**

**December 5 – Plainfield Library**