

Oakland Flood Commission Meeting
Informal Meeting General Notes
Bergen County, Oakland, New Jersey
June 12, 2023

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve minutes of the meeting held on May 8, 2023 was made by Michael Pritchard and seconded by Steve Farley. All in favor.
- Councilman Steve Saliani was present for the meeting.
- It was reported that at the present time there is an opening on the Flood Commission.
- Charles DiPalm reported that on the inspection of the brook conducted by himself, Steve Farley, Tony Smid, and Councilman Saliani. The inspection consisted of Nokomis, Lakeshore, Rockaway, and Sioux, and lasted approximately an hour and one half. Residents were spoken with. Tony Smid reported that the gabions behind 40 Nokomis are undermined. Charles DiPalma reported that the situation behind his home is worsening and the soil is eroding.
- Councilman Saliani provided an update regarding the bid for NCRS which has been extended until August 1, 2023. Boswell is putting a bid specifications together for approval. The following projects are being addressed for repair: the roads construction, Bush Plaza, and Allerman Brook. Updates will be provided as they become available.
- Tony Smid stated that he would contact Lew Levy on June 13, 2023 to put together a letter advising the mayor and council to act quickly on repair of the brook. Tony Smid stated that repairs on the brook cannot occur after October due to the water temperature and velocity. Tony Smid reported that the bank by Faber Brothers is eroding and trees are close to being uprooted. It was reported that Lew Levy contacted Mary Paist Goldman, engineer from Rippled Waters, regarding contacting the DEP, with whom she has an appointment. She will be liaison between Oakland and DEP. Tony Smid attempted to meet with Mr. Kunze regarding Mary Paist Goldman's contract. He will follow up and provide updates.
- Roy Bauberger reported via text message that FEMA requested additional information on River repairs which was provided. Tony Smid reported that he discussed degradation of Allerman Brook behind Faber Brothers. In addition, he asked Roy Baubrger if the Fire Department could become involved to remove debris from the groutbag weir at Potash Lake. Tony Smid also asked about the removal of the tree by Island Terrace, however, the DPW cannot go into the water.
- Tony Smid and Steve Farley will begin their river inspection by Glen Gray Bridge continuing to Lenape Lane Bridge.
- Michael Prtichard reviewed the article he presented to the Flood Commission during the June meeting, regarding using ground coconut shells and weeds, to decrease soil erosion.
- Steve Farley questioned when the houses marked for demolition would be torn down. Tony Smid stated that there are four homes on Lenape and three on Roosevelt marked for demolition. The environmental commission has designated a park for that area.

- Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Michael Pritchard and seconded by Bill Wohlford.

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

In attendance:

Tony Smid-co-chair

Charles DiPalma

Steve Farley

Michael Pritchard

Bill Wohlford

Councilman Steve Salianni

Respectfully submitted,

Zulema Sanchez

Recording secretary