

Oakland Flood Commission Meeting  
Bergen County, Oakland, New Jersey  
February 13, 2023

- The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve absenteeism was made by Tony Smid and seconded by Steve Farley. All in favor.
- Motion to approve minutes of the meeting held on January 9, 2023, was made by Steve Farley and seconded by Charles DiPalma. All in favor.
- Welcome Charles DiPalma as a member of the Flood Commission.
- River Restoration:  
Lew Levy reported that Mary Paist Goldman from Rippled Waters Engineering, who has worked with Trout Scape, reviewed paperwork from the project and is interested. At this time, Ms. Goldman will meet with the DEP. There are new regulations regarding Flood Zones. In addition, a biologist is needed on site regarding Eastern Lamp mussels, whenever workers are in the water. Barring concerns, the project has to move forward. Regarding the bid: it is boiler plate. A description of the project is needed, which can be narrow or broad. DCA (Department of Consumer Affairs) then has to approve the specialized bid, which will address finding contractors within a criterion. Dresdner Robin, a land use consultancy/engineering firm, was hired to conduct drone flyovers, including pre-construction, during construction, and post-construction. One flyover has already occurred. The firm is also interested in helping with the river restoration project should Ms. Goldman not be able to.
- In regards to CRS (Community Rating System): CRS is currently active and maintained. Steve Farley stated that Bill Wolford reached out to Pequannock and Pompton Lakes regarding shared services.
- Allerman Brook:  
Lew Levy reported that he mentioned to the mayor that the Flood Commission could assist but the council stated that they did not want assistance. Charles DiPalma reported that at the last council meeting, Richard Kunze and John Yakimik stated the work was going out to bid at the end of the week.
- Tony Smid and Steve Farley will begin inspecting the river in April. They will report on what has been accomplished and if nothing has been accomplished, Lew Levy will report to the town. Tony Smid reported that the problem from Glen Gray Bridge to Lenape Lane Bridge, is the leaves that are blown into the bank. Lew Levy stated that this damages the banks, however, the person has to be caught doing this.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

In attendance:

Lew Levy-chair

Tony Smid-co-chair

Steve Farley

Charles DiPalma

Respectfully submitted,

Zulema Sanchez

Recording secretary