

Oakland Flood Commission Meeting
Informal Meeting General Notes
Bergen County, Oakland, New Jersey
May 8, 2023

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- Roll Call
- Motion to approve absenteeism was made by Tony Smid and seconded by Michael Pritchard. All in favor.
- Motion to approve minutes of the meeting held on March 10, 2023 was made by Michael Pritchard and seconded by Steve Farley. All in favor.
- Lew Levy clarified the Flood Commission's non-involvement with the Borough regarding Allerman Brook. The mayor indicated that the council does not want Lew Levy involved.
- CRS (Community Rating System) update: Lew Levy stated that there is a copy of the CRS proposal which he will be provided on May 9, 2023. Mary Paist Goldman, from Rippled Waters Engineering, agreed to her contract, which has not been signed or returned, to date. She has contacted the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to set up an appointment.
- River Restoration: Eastern Lamp Mussels were discussed in regards to the river restoration. The Ramapo River has been designated a C1 waterway and, as such, it is under strict environmental protection. It has been five years since the project was initiated. Per Lew Levy, work in the water cannot continue after October 8, 2023, due to temperature and velocity. The funds for the restoration are in the river restoration account.
- Councilman, Steven Saliani, joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The Commission discussed the importance of repairs that need to be addressed. Charlie DiPalma's property at 40 Nokomis needs to be repaired; he will lose property. Lew Levy discussed the Gabion walls by the Lakeshore Bridge, stone aprons, necessary maintenance, contaminants by material, and the DOT property by Faber Brothers which is deteriorating. Lew Levy asked that this information be provided to the Borough.
- Roy Bauberger stated that there is increasing degradation in the Allerman Brook by the DOT section. This was reported to Richard Kunze. In addition, a problem with a cut tree on Island Terrace was mentioned. However, DPW cannot go into the water. Vincent Dies will be following up. Also, May 13, 2023 will be the Skyline Drive clean up.
- Michael Pritchard discussed an article regarding soil erosion, using ground coconut shells, and planting weeds to prevent soil erosion.
- Tony Smid and Steve Farley stated that they will begin their river inspection.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m

In attendance:

Lew Levy

Tony Smid-co-chair

Roy Bauberger

Charles DiPalma

Steve Farley

Michael Pritchard

Respectfully submitted,

Zulema Sanchez

Recording secretary