

Oakland Flood Commission Meeting
Bergen County, Oakland, New Jersey
September 13, 2021

- Lew Levy, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.
- Roll call.
- Members introduced themselves to the public attendees
- Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes of June 14, 2021 made by Steve Farley and seconded by Anthony Smid. All in favor.

- Committee Reports:

Lew Levy reviewed storm damage. The second storm registered as a 25 year event, which is substantial. Lew Levy explained that storms are rated by how often they should occur. Lew Levy discussed Allerman brook; degrading of area with each bad event; DOT is working on the retaining wall. There is a need to address the whole brook. At this time, concentration is on two areas of immediate danger. Lew Levy addressed that private property areas need to be maintained by the owner. Allerman brook was built in 1972-1974 and has not dammed up even with past storms. The water velocity in the past storm was described as intense and the brook is taking more water than it should. Tony Smid and Lew Levy discussed that work needs to be done from the Bridge to Route 202, on both sides.

Lew Levy reviewed with the public attendees that, in the past, Nick Agnoli had organized a seminar with Smart Vents. He explained that by providing a flood elevation certificate, the property owner can be informed if the cost of their flood insurance can be reduced. He also indicated that resources are available to the public on the Oakland website.

The public attendees voiced their concerns and asked for advice on how to proceed. It was recommended that they write to their state representatives and contact the local governing body.

Roy Bauberger stated that these concerns were addressed previously, for which funding was obtained, and concerns resolved.

Lew Levy stated that Nick Agnoli has worked on the maintenance manual which has been expanded to add every open waterway. The manual will address daylight streams. Tony Smid and Steve Farley inspect the stream on a regular basis.

Lew Levy stated that, hopefully, a plan will be put together by the October or November Flood Commission Meeting. Nick Agnoli and Roy Bauberger are working on that plan.

The plan will address the work needed, as well as the cost. For example the manual will address replacing the Gabion baskets, installing boulders, and addressing vegetative growth through Gabion.

- Lew Levy also addressed the River Restoration Project, which has been delayed.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

In Attendance:

Lew Levy-Chairman

Anthony Smid-Co-chairman

Steve Farley

Bill Wolford

Roy Bauberger

Ray Carroll

Respectfully submitted,

Zulema Sanchez,

Secretary