

Oakland Flood Commission Meeting
Bergen County, Oakland, New Jersey
April 12, 2021

Anthony Smid, co-chairman, started the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Anthony Smid stated that he and Steve Farley would start surveying the sewers and drainage, and would take pictures of downed trees, which will be provided to Roy Bauberger. Anthony also stated that Lew Levy would like Anthony and Steve to check drainage ditches for clogging, and if so, a letter will be sent to the Oakland DPW.

Roy Bauberger stated that winter clearing/stream restoration at Great Oak Park will commence, once the municipality approves a bid. There are large trees in the river by Lenape bridge which the building department is due to address.

Nick Agnoli spoke about the Oakland River Restoration project. With help from Roy Bauberger, Lew Levy, and 2 prior reports, design drawings have been prepared for DEP. The Borough will reach out to DEA in Trenton to verify that the specs are acceptable. There are restrictions on the project, specific specs with qualification requirements, such as requiring ten years experience, and addressing endangered species, such as the land mussels in the Ramapo River.

Nick Agnoli addressed CRS and shared how Oakland compares to Lincoln Park, Pompton Lakes, and Little Falls. Oakland is currently at a 7 and receiving a 15% discount on flood insurance. To date, Oakland is not getting credit in three areas:

1. Public Outreach
2. Drainage System Maintenance
3. Flood Warning and Response

This is an audit year. If we reach a 25% discount, we can go to a three year audit instead of a five year audit, which we currently are. .

In order to increase our credit points from FEMA, Nick Agnoli indicated that the following needs to be addressed: an SOP signed by DPW to the attention of Richard Kunze, having the entire system mapped, and having annual inspection records provided by the DPW.

Anthony Smid stated that he and Steve Farley will report what they find when they conduct their survey of sewers and drainage.. Nick Agnoli stated that Oakland has to report to FEMA what is being done. Nick Agnoli also reported that he received the EOP and it is being reviewed.

It was noted that the OEM meeting, held at the Senior Center, on April 8th, was successful.

The meeting concluded at 8:05 p.m.

In Attendance: Anthony Smid
Roy Bauberger
Nick Agnoli

Respectfully,

Zulema Sanchez, Secretary