

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2017**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Complex. Chairman Zabinski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski
Thom Bach
J. Andrew Bevilacqua
John Casey
Meghan Sloan

Also Present

Chris Saley, Public Works Director

II. Public Participation - Marie Stelluh - 22 Field Court - Chair of the Flood Committee of the Deerfield Court area, representing 52-55 homes in that area. She stated they came tonight looking for an update of the project slated for that area. She stated she also wished to thank the Public Works Director and his department for coming out to help during the recent storm. She also extended a thank you to the mayor. Ms. Stelluh reiterated they were looking for an update.

III. Correspondence - None.

IV. Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Bevilacqua and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

A) Update Re: Drainage Projects

Chairman Zabinski stated he was speaking on behalf of the Board to express their disappointment that they have not received updates regarding each of the ongoing projects. He stated without that information this Board is not able to function and maximize their efforts. Chairman Zabinski stated this Board is requesting, again, an update on each of the projects. He suggested the Board be forwarded the updates sent by the contractors each week/month.

Director Saley stated his department is extremely busy and that they have been out to various areas that have had some recent flooding issues, as well as attending to many projects that are ongoing. Discussion ensued as to the best way for the Board to receive the reports to be more informed.

Director Saley provided the Board with an update on the following projects:

Bayview Beach – Director Saley reported there have been at least three substantial events in the last few weeks. He stated it was his hope the Beachland Avenue area would have been complete by now, however in conversations with Mr. Gaucher, it has been delayed. Director Saley explained the goal is to raise the road, resurface the road and install a new pump, but they are waiting for approval from DEEP, which is slowing the process.

Beachland Avenue – Director Saley reported the sanitary pump station has been installed. He stated they continue to unclog the outfalls. He stated he spoke with Fuss & O'Neil who are doing the project and they are looking to put the final design in place for Beachland Avenue.

Mr. Casey asked if a pre-application took place with DEEP.

Director Saley responded yes.

Walnut Beach, Wildemere and Crescent Beach - Director Saley stated the three projects are moving forward. He spoke of the boardwalk component of the project between Stowe Avenue. Director Saley explained there was a change in the scope of the project, which included more of a property survey.

Mr. Bach commented an update from the contractors would not only help this Board, but it would help the various beach associations who are looking for updates on these projects.

Chairman Zabinski asked Director Saley to forward the Board's request to each of the contractors and request this Board be provided with updates, daily, weekly or monthly, as the case may be.

Mr. Bevilacqua stated he would like to see plans, specifications, etc.

Director Saley reported RACE is doing the Morningside project. He stated the goal for completion of the project is 2018.

Mr. Casey asked if all the property issues had been resolved.

Director Saley stated they have an agreement. He stated a pre-construction meeting is scheduled tomorrow. He noted it has been a slow process. A brief discussion ensued.

Gulf Street/Welches Point Bluff – Director Saley reported he met with RACE regarding the proposals. He stated they are cautiously optimistic the project will be moving forward. soon He explained the difference between this project and the Morningside project.

Gulf Street breakwater and Pelham Street – Director Saley reported some conceptual work has been complete. He stated COWIE is doing that project and that there are conceptual designs that are going through the final review process with the City Attorney's Office before being signed.

Milford Point Road – Director Saley reported the archeological study has been completed. He stated they are waiting on the State at this point.

Ms. Sloan asked about the funding.

Director Saley explained the projects are through the CDDG block grant project. He explained some of the projects are 75% reimbursable and some are 100% reimbursable.

Ms. Sloan commented generally the contractors are required to file quarterly reports and suggested those reports be forwarded to the Board. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Zabinski asked about the monies that were bonded for and approved and RFQ's written.

Director Saley stated some of the money was used for drainage and catch basin work. He stated the Merwin Avenue and golf course projects are being done in-house. He stated a wall was being installed on Welches Point Road, which also is an internal project. He also stated the project is moving along at Founders Walk.

Mr. Bach asked about the update for Wildemere Beach and that it was his understanding they were going up to Hartford with those plans. He asked if those design concepts were accepted.

Director Saley explained there needs to be a living shore. He stated they looked at doing a berm or dune. He also stated the drains had to withstand the work. He stated they were somewhat receptive. He stated GIE is working on that project.

B) Update Re: Resiliency Plan – no report.

C) Update: Re: Bayview Beach – reported above.

D) Update: Re: Morningside Design and repairs – reported above

VI. New Business

Director Saley stated he wished to make the Board aware of an potential issue at the end of Walnut Beach. He stated the outfall has been clogged, which needs to be cleaned. Director Saley stated the project will take some time, with the outfalls needing to be rebuilt. A brief discussion ensued.

Being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bach and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary