

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2018**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex. Vice Chairman Bach called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

T. Bach, Vice Chairman
Meghan Sloan
John Casey
J. Bevilacqua

Also Present

S. Johnson, Interim Asst. PW Director

Excused: M. Zabinski

II. Public Participation

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Casey and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

No report.

V. Unfinished Business

a) Drainage Projects and CDBG Projects. Mr. Johnson provided the Board with the project updates as follows:

Bayview Beach – Mr. Johnson reported he was waiting for input from the Public Works Director and Fuss & O'Neil regarding the final pump chamber design at the end of Westland Avenue. He continued with an explanation of the tide flex and its purpose. He

stated once the review is complete they will move toward permitting and approval from DEEP. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Bach asked about the tide flex.

Mr. Johnson stated it is basically a rubber pipe membrane. He explained it is an angled flapper valve which shuts when water comes in. Discussion ensued.

Point Beach – Mr. Johnson stated this is an in-house project. He stated he had no further update.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue – Mr. Johnson reported the bids would be opened tomorrow. He stated there were 23 present for the mandatory site walk. He pointed out the site walk triggered an amendment to the bid manual project specifications and that an addendum was posted. Mr. Johnson also spoke about the 19 parcels along Beachland Avenue which required notification, which he was in the process of doing. He also spoke about the required project manual which they only learned about at the 11th hour. Mr. Johnson continued with a brief explanation of the proposed work. Discussion ensued regarding flooding in that area.

Milford Point Road – He stated they were using the Beachland project manual as a template. Mr. Johnson spoke of the mitigation offset that was required, which has slowed things down. He also reported there were some other minor issues that Milone and MacBroom were working on to move the project forward.

Ms. Sloan asked how long it was anticipated it would take.

Mr. Johnson stated he did not now because they were waiting on DEEP.

Morningside Revetment – Mr. Johnson stated RACE Coastal is handling this project. He stated the understanding is that there would be a sidewalk, however the owner (Boynton) is saying that was not his understanding and that he would not have agreed to those terms. Mr. Johnson stated the Public Works Director and he would be meeting with Mr. Boynton.

Gulf Beach/Welches Point Road – Mr. Johnson reported this project is in the hands of DEEP and the Army Corp of Engineers. He also spoke of some inquiries they have received from neighbors on the Long Island side of Welches Point Road.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Mr. Johnson referred to the emails he sent to the Board members regarding Walnut and Wildemere beaches and also Laurel Beach.

Mr. Bach asked about the large outfall on Wildwood Avenue that he stated would require work. Mr. Johnson stated he would clarify with Mr. Gaucher. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Johnson also referenced the letter he distributed to the Board dated July 10, 2018 from Brian Thompson, Division Director, Land & Water Resources Division, Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection regarding the Dune Creation & Beach Nourishment, Walnut & Wildemere Beaches, regarding non-compliance of the application. Mr. Johnson stated they have thirty (30) days to response and that GEI and Malone and MacBroom are looking into this and options.

Mr. Bach asked why the consultants were not initially aware of this.

Mr. Casey pointed out the letter references a specific statute.

Mr. Bevilacqua referenced p. 2 of the letter regarding the “rock core.” A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Bach asked what they next steps would be.

Mr. Johnson stated he would speak with GEI tomorrow as to the city’s next steps. Discussion resumed.

Crescent Beach – Mr. Johnson stated this is in the initial review and that they are waiting on the infrastructure issues.

Pelham Street - Mr. Johnson stated this is the stairs, stairway, reventment, etc that is essentially two projects. He stated he would be meeting with DEEP and COWIE in August to discuss this project. He stated DEEP is still looking for some type of proof that the stairs existed prior to 1995, as well as maintenance records. A brief discussion ensued.

Gulf Beach Breakwater – Mr. Johnson reported he had a conference call on June 27, 2018 with COWIE and Ellen regarding the annual renovation cost for beach nourishment.

Mr. Casey commented it was his understanding you could not put new sand above the high tide mark.

Mr. Johnson stated there are several borings along the groin and that they still have to determine the size, etc. He stated the size of the structure seems to be the biggest concern with DEEP.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan –no report.

VII. New Business

Mr. Johnson reported he spoke with Professor J. Mattei, PhD, Sacred Heart University regarding a trip to Stratford Point Living Shoreline. He stated she suggested Board members who plan on attending arrive by 3:00 p.m. (low tide is at 4:00 p.m.) to have the best view of the reef ball.

Being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bevilacqua and Ms. Sloan made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary