

**FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2018**

The Flood and Erosion Control Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Complex. Vice Chairman Bach called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Michael Zabinski, Chairman
Thom Bach, Vice Chairman
J. Bevilacqua
M. Zabinski
Meghan Sloan

Also Present

S. Johnson, Interim Asst. PW Director
C. Saley, Public Works Director

Excused

John Casey

II. Public Participation

Marie Diven – 22 Field Court – President Deerfield Homeowners Association. She stated she did not receive the letter that the Board approved. She spoke of the new element on the plans concerning the Deerfield cap, a spot that is frequently under water. She stated they asked if it could be located more toward the street. She also stated they are still waiting with anxiously as to when the plan may come through.

Lisa Carpino – 33 Deerfield Ave – spent the last few hours coming up with a tide chart that was based on an average high tide. She explained how she arrived at her numbers that is an app called “Tides Chart.”

Christine Montano – 41 Deerfield Avenue – showed the Board a video that depicts her trudging through the water to get home most nights. She pointed out high tide was 3 hours previous in the video. She implored the Board to please help them out.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Bach and Mr. Sloan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting with the following corrections:

p. 2, should read the public works director will send a letter to the President of the Association on Field Court, along with copy to Mayor Blake and Chairman within two weeks.

Chairman Zabinski commented what this Board had intended to happen did not a that a letter did not go out, adding the taxpayers have suffered long enough and they deserve a timely response.

Ms. Sloan recalled her amendment was to have the letter available for the October Board meeting.

Mr. Johnson stated a timeline went out yesterday (October 8, 2018). He stated the narrative is a detailed summary for all applications in the process of being submitted. He stated those plans would formally be submitted to DEEP on Thursday. He also referenced the project schedule that was attached to the email.

Chairman Zabinski corrected himself and stated he did not receive the email due to a problem with his computer. A brief discussion ensued.

Motion carried unanimously as corrected.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Zabinski reported the site visit to Stratford was very informative. He distributed the photographs he took as well as Dunes he photographed in Long Island. He stated they observed the dunes had this black core log type embedded. He wondered if this Board could consider something like that. A brief discussion ensued.

Director Saley explained Mr. Johnson has taken the lead on these projects, and the long, long hours Mr. Johnson has been putting in, specifically addressing the Deerfield Avenue area which has been hit hard. He stated while the results may not be there, his department continues to work very, very hard. He asked the residents to have patience and continue to work with his department.

V. Unfinished Business

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

Bayview Beach – no update.

Point Beach – Director Saley stated they are waiting to see what happens with Bayview Beach and will likely be doing the same.

Calf Pen/Beachland Avenue– construction started. Mr. Johnson stated the tides have been challenging.

Milford Point Road – awaiting the final permit from Army Corp. Hoping to have it in the next week. Once the final plans are back they will prepare the bid with the final specifications. The idea/thought is to have it wrapped up next spring.

Morningside Revetment – awaiting final permits from DEEP. There will be some minor obligations/responsibilities for the fish habitat. Slated to finish up next summer, but up against a timeline with DEEP permits.

Gulf Beach/Welches Point Road – RACE engineering – final design is nearing completion. No significant changes.

Wildemere/Walnut Beach – Mr. Johnson stated he had a conversation regarding alternate coir designs with core fiber designs. There was some agreeability as long as it falls along the living shoreline criteria. We also need to look at projected construction costs. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Bach asked if the application is under review.

Mr. Johnson replied yes, without the coir designs. Discussion resumed.

Crescent Beach– will forward additional information to the Board.

Pelham Street–this is a planning project. He explained with the ADA compliance it became two projects. No infrastructure prior to 1995 so they cannot prove erosion.

Gulf Beach Breakwater – Follow up conversation with DEEP, the wave modeling in their opinion did not demonstrate enough detail that the sand was eroding away from Gulf Beach into Gulf Pond. He stated they felt additional wave modeling would be need as part of the justification. DEEP is asking the city to consider living shoreline models and that the city would need to demonstrate the attempted to do this. A brief discussion ensued.

B) Update: Resiliency Plan –no report.

C) Update: Program for Public Information (PPI) and the Community Rating System (CRS). Mr. Johnson spoke of the combination of efforts with the Emergency Management, Hazardous Mitigation, and Community Rating System. He provided the background and the role of this Board with PPI. Assessing the overall needs of the community with regard to flooding, conveying and improvement community outreach. He stated the draft that he emailed to Board members would be going to DEEP for review. He stated they are looking for consistent efforts by the community to see that they are prepared. He asked the Board to provide him with any comments.

Chairman Zabinski pointed out some of the members shown have changed.

Mr. Johnson stated the descriptions are general so that they are singling out one particular area. Part of the reason for doing this is the 5% discount residents receive. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Sloan asked about specific focus points.

Mr. Johnson stated there are various volunteer groups that have events and bring in guest speakers. He stated there is an event coming up on November 10th.

VII. New Business

None.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary