



# Brick Township Flood Management Planning Committee

## Minutes

### Brick Township Flood Management Plan Planning Committee #4

July 15, 2015

Attendance:

Elissa Commins  
Mark Ellsworth  
Michael P. Fowler  
Jim Fozman  
Joe Gilsenan  
L. Stanton Hales  
Art Halloran  
Rob Karl  
Thomas Kaczmarek  
Brian Martin  
Dan Newman  
Tara Paxton  
Rick Bergquist  
Susan Verachi- FEMA  
Judy Nunn-Brick Times

Absent:

Mayor John G. Ducey  
Joanne Bergin  
Lisa Auermuller  
Glenn Campbell  
Chris Huch  
Ken Kiselli  
Kurt Otto  
Joe Pawlowicz  
Steve Specht  
H. L. Van Varick

The meeting was called to order by Co- Chairman Tara Paxton at 4:00 PM. Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco, CFM, LEED AP from Tetra Tech and Zachary Zeilman from Maser were present.

The minutes from the June 17, 2015 meeting were approved.

Tara introduced Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco to discuss the Floodplain Management Plan Status and to summarize the results of the interactive session to identify the Strengths, Weaknesses, Obstacles, and Opportunities (SWOO) in the mitigation of the hazards that impact the Township.

The committee did not note any additions or edits during the meeting, however comments were received from Chris Huch afterwards as he could not attend the meeting regarding the suggestion that Sandy related items be identified as such, that Sandy related items noted as strengths may not be future or ongoing strengths unless they are captured in planning



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documents, that some of the weaknesses may have been corrected since Sandy, that FEMA flood maps may be appealed AFTER the beach replenishment project and dune system reconstruction is complete, and the references to the revetment should be more clearly defined as the steel revetment on the oceanfront.

-I think it is important to label each of the items in the SWOO if they were related to Sandy. It is nearly impossible not to have this type of meeting about strengths and weakness and not just focus on what happened during Sandy. However, each item that was Sandy related should be identified as such.

Cynthia presented the mitigation catalog that was developed based on the SWOO input. The committee noted that it provided reflected issues unique to the Township.

A list of mitigation strategies in categorized by project type reflecting the mitigation catalog framework was presented to the committee for their review and comment with the intent of providing input as the status of the projects for those which have commenced, the addition of projects that have been identified by the Township but are not on the list, and the combination of similar projects to facilitate review, tracking and implementation.

Discussion ensued regarding potential increase in regulatory standards, indicating difficulty in obtaining community support for higher freeboard due to issues including increased cost of construction as well as accessibility for disabled or elderly residents as well as emergency response personnel. Requirements for cumulative substantial damage and improvements as well as non-conversion agreements were also discussed.

Cynthia reported that we have hosted two public neighborhood meetings (Princeton and Midstreams; and Cherry Quay & Shore Acres) to obtain input for the neighborhood plans as well as to gather public input on flood issues for the Floodplain Management Plan. Feedback in the form of annotated maps and comment sheets collected will be provided to the committee. Zach noted that that some of the items to be addressed in individualized neighborhood plans would include different design approaches for buildings; the addition of parks/green spaces; overbuilding on narrow lots, and more. Comment sheets from the neighborhood meetings were collected to provide feedback on flood-prone properties, catch basins that regularly flood, empty houses, and the need to raise roads.

The last neighborhood meeting is scheduled on July 18<sup>th</sup> for the Barrier Island neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.



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