

MINUTES
Morris County-Flood Mitigation Committee (MC-FMC)
30 Schuyler Place - 4th Floor, Morristown, New Jersey
November 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Louise Davis.

Members present:

Julie Baron	Thomas Pepe
Louise Davis	Michael Obremski
Joseph Pawelczyk	Laura Szwak

Members with an excused absence: Gary Large

Also attending:

Deena Leary, Director – Planning & Public Works Department
Christine Marion, Director - Planning & Preservation Division
Jennifer McCulloch, Program Coordinator – Flood Mitigation Program (FMP)

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Chair Davis announced that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed and on a motion by Julie Baron, which was seconded by Joe Pawelczyk, the Committee approved said Minutes.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. McCulloch provided the following update:

- **CRS Assistance Program** – the Freeholders approved the creation of a CRS Assistance Program within the Flood Mitigation Program. Ms. McCulloch met with Joe Barris of Monmouth County, who has built a robust CRS Assistance Program over the past 4 years. He strongly advised taking the time to create a strong framework for the program (detailed website, clear commitment from other county resources, etc.) before reaching out to municipalities and starting a CRS User Group.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:40 p.m., on a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Thomas Pepe, the FMC closed the open portion of the meeting pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act, and per the Committee’s standard resolution language, voted to conduct a closed session wherein the subject of real property acquisition shall be discussed.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 5:50 p.m., on a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Thomas Pepe, the FMC returned to open session by unanimous vote.

The following actions were taken as a result of Closed Session deliberations:

- **Resolution 2016-06 – Lincoln Park – South-2 Project Area – Preliminary Approval -** Application for one property in the amount of \$228,563, with an estimated match of \$66,250 derived from a NJ-DEP Green Acres grant. On a motion by Julie, seconded by Laura Szwak, the committee granted Preliminary Approval by unanimous roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

Long Hill Township would like to use their newly preserved properties as overflow parking for Little League baseball fields. They have requested permission to utilize a product called “Grasspave 2” to maximize this usage. Ms. McCulloch gathered information from the manufacturer’s engineer, the municipal engineer and Joseph Barilla of Morris County’s Land Development Review Section. Please see the attached Precis for details. [doc. A]

After extensive discussion, the FMC concluded that this type of parking lot is inconsistent with Morris County’s Grant Agreement, as well as the deed restrictions for the Long Hill properties preserved by the Flood Mitigation Program. On page 6 of the Grant Agreement, please see Item 6 (a) 1, “Land Use Restrictions - The land shall be used only for purposes compatible with open space, recreational, or wetlands management practices; in general, such uses include parks for outdoor recreational activities, nature preserves, unimproved pervious parking lots...”

Based on these two factors, the Flood Mitigation Committee finds this type of paving not allowable.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Julie Baron, seconded by Laura Szwak, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Offices of Planning & Public Works, located at 30 Schuyler Place, Schuyler Annex Building, in Morristown, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer N. McCulloch