

New Jersey Freshwater Wetlands Mitigation Council  
Minutes of June 9, 2015 Meeting  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Wetlands Mitigation Council was held on June 9, 2015 at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Hudson Room, 501 East State Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Trenton New Jersey at 9:30 am.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Claudia Rocca, Patricia Burns, Robert Tucker, David Roth (via phone), and Susan Lockwood (via phone)

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** DAG Jill Denyes, Jill Aspinwall, Natalie Young and Ana Incollingo.

**Meeting called to order**

Claudia Rocca called the meeting to order, read the Sunshine Law statement and stated that public notice for this meeting was given on May 26, 2015 to the Secretary of State's office and written notice was sent to the following newspapers: The Newark Star Ledger/Trenton Times, The Camden Courier Post, and the Atlantic City Press.

**Review and approval of the April 14, 2015 Council meeting minutes.**

Ms. Sue Lockwood commented by telephone that there was a minor mistake on page three, in paragraph 6 of the April meeting minutes.

Mr. Robert Tucker motioned to approve the minutes with the change.

Ms. Claudia Rocca seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

**Update on the Mitigation Fund.**

Ms. Natalie Young stated that as of April 30, 2015 the Mitigation Fund balance is \$8,131,258.54. There were expenditures in the amount of \$117,675.41 during the months of March and April. The total amount of remaining committed funds for approved projects is \$6,281,384.12.

Subtracting the remaining committed funds from the actual fund balance leaves a new fund balance of \$1,849,384.12 on April 30, 2015.

**Old Business**

**Review and approval of a resolution memorializing the Council's decision to conditionally reinstate the Council's conceptual approval of Bloomfield Township's Conceptual Proposal to create and enhance wetlands and floodplain associated with the Third River.**

Ms. Sue Lockwood via telephone motioned to approve the resolution.

Mr. Robert Tucker seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

**New Business**

No new business

**Public comment**

Mr. Andy Strauss, consultant for Bloomfield Twp. stated that on behalf of the Mayor of Bloomfield Township and Councilman Joanow, he wanted to thank the Council for approving the resolution and supporting them this far and they are looking forward to answering questions and working with staff on the Bloomfield project.

Mr. Robert Tucker stated that his recollection is that they will be ready do the proposal by August.

Mr. Strauss stated that Mr. Mark Gallagher will work with staff on evaluation of the project and the timing on the proposal to be placed on the Council's agenda. They want to move as quickly as possible. If they can do it in August they will do it. They are currently working on cost evaluations at the site.

Mr. Strauss stated that they are faced with very high unit cost on this project and their goal is to do it within the unit cost for urban projects.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Claudia Rocca motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robert Tucker seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.

The next meeting date has been tentatively scheduled for August 11, 2015.