

# Minutes

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## AIR PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*October 23, 2019  
Ocean County Airport, Terminal Building  
Berkeley Township, NJ*

**Attendance:** Wayne Mauro, Rich Mongaliri (Airport Attendant), Bob Pfluger, Richard Ritorto, Steve Simone (Principal Planner), Frank Work

**Opening:** 7:01 PM

### Welcome & Sign In:

Mr. Simone

- Welcome

### Old Business:

#### Ocean Air Support Squadron – 2019 Season

Mr. Pfluger

- The season was successful. There are no issues to report.
- There were only about eleven cancellations due to weather. Otherwise, the missions went smoothly.

#### NJ Warbirds Fly-In, Labor Day Weekend

Mr. Simone

- The NJ Warbirds requested an aerobatic box at MJX over Labor Day weekend. The County was not able to accommodate this request, but the group was still able to have a fly-in. They based several jets at the airport over the weekend and purchased a significant quantity of fuel.
- More recently the airport received a request from the International Aerobatic Club to open a practice box this weekend. In coordination with the Philadelphia FSDO, this practice box has been approved.
- Pilots should heed the NOTAM. All traffic will be right-hand during the activity.

Mr. Ritorto

- According to the NOTAM, the box will be within one mile of the airfield. The location is only described as “east.”

Mr. Simone

- Yes, the box will be located over the trees to the east of the airfield. It will be a one kilometer cube. It will not be over any structures or roads.

Mr. Pfluger

- Would it be possible to do an aerobatic box at Lakehurst in the future?

Mr. Ritorto

- It seems unlikely that the FSDO would approve.

Mr. Mauro

- No, there would not be sufficient space at the Joint Base.

#### Young Eagles/Women in Aviation Event

Mr. Simone

- For the second time this year, the Young Eagles and Women in Aviation held a joint event at the airport.
- The event took place on October 5<sup>th</sup> and was well attended.
- This is another opportunity to promote the facility and to encourage public interest in aviation.

## **New Business:**

### **6-24 Pavement Rehabilitation Project & PAPI/REIL Replacement**

Mr. Simone

- Since our last meeting, the REIL on Runway 24 has been flight checked. All visual guidance equipment on 6-24 is now operational.
- There is still some outstanding work to be done on the pavement rehabilitation project. The primary contractor, Cardinal, will be on site this week to grade and seed the edges of the runway. They are also expected to apply markings to Taxiways J and K.
- The paved surface of Taxiway J is still not up to specifications.
- On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the County convened a meeting with Cardinal and their surety company. County Counsel is advising on how to proceed.

### **Apron Expansion**

Mr. Simone

- Grants from the FAA and the NJDOT were received this past quarter.
- C.J. Hesse is the primary contractor on this project. Work began on September 30<sup>th</sup>. According to the contract, the job will have a duration of 65 calendar days.
- An asphalt test strip will be applied in the coming days. Provided it passes inspection, paving will begin in earnest shortly thereafter.
- The County is about to approve a change order to C.J. Hesse's contract. This will allocate additional County funds for the installation of a can and conduit run of fiber optic cable for the airport's new security cameras.

### **Rotating Beacon and Tower**

Mr. Simone

- The County recently received the supplemental grant award from the FAA. This will cover 100% of the project's budget, which is just under a quarter of a million dollars.
- We had initially projected that construction of the new tower could be completed prior to the apron expansion. However, due to the long lead time on order for the tower itself, this will not be the case.
- Construction is now expected to begin in early April.

### **Wildlife Hazard Site Visit**

Mr. Simone

- The FAA and NJDOT also provided grants for this small project. The budget is only about \$28,000.
- The site visit is scheduled for tomorrow evening into Friday morning.

### **Apron Rehab and Taxiway Rehab**

Mr. Simone

- An application for a standalone NJDOT grant for taxiway repairs was submitted earlier this month. This would address cracks and joints in the taxiways that are not tied into 14-32.
- The County was advised by C&S and the NJDOT to withhold its application for apron repairs this year. An application for apron repairs may be submitted next year, depending upon the availability of funding.

### **Underground Storage Tanks**

Mr. Simone

- There are two projects just getting underway, both of which relate to the airport's underground storage tanks.
- The first will involve substantial repairs to manways at the fuel farm. DeMaio's will begin this work on Monday of next week. Tanks 1 and 2 will be offline only during active work.
- The second pertains to the replacement of concrete pads on other tanks. A purchase order has been issued to Diamond. A coordination meeting is scheduled for next week. The work is not likely to impact operations.

### **T-Hangar Building 57**

Mr. Simone

- There has been renewed activity on the painting of the exterior of Building 57.
- As the pedestrian doors need to be repainted, the units will need to be renumbered. This will occur sometime after the painting is completed; in the meantime the unit doors will have no identifying markers.
- The County Buildings and Grounds Department is also coordinating repairs to storage unit 1, which is leased to the Manitou Park Fire Department. The work will proceed in three phases. First, the drop ceiling will be demolished. Second, the perimeter walls will be extended up to the roof. Third, new light fixtures will be mounted to the walls.

### **New T-Hangar Building**

Mr. Simone

- Surveying for the next T-hangar building has been conducted.
- A formal kick-off meeting for the design phase will be held in the coming days.
- The final design and configuration of the building is yet to be determined, but it is the County's intention to utilize the two end units as helicopter pods. There likely will be no storage units in this new structure.

### **Building Numbers**

Mr. Simone

- The County is in the process of standardizing the labeling of buildings on the airport's grounds. At present, the numbering system is inconsistent and non-sequential.
- A new design for a campus-wide building labeling system was agreed to by the FBO, Buildings and Grounds, and airport management.
- The County's Engineering Sign Shop will be creating the signs. Buildings and Grounds will be mounting them. Expected completion is mid-November.

### **Snow Plowing**

Mr. Simone

- The annual snow plowing planning meeting has been scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- As in years past, Solid Waste Management will be providing additional equipment and staff to assist Rich.
- This year we will need to plan for the additional apron area.

Mr. Mongaliri

- I will advise that the new apron area is not plowed during its first winter.

### **Items from the Floor:**

#### **Frequency Change**

Mr. Mongaliri

- A NOTAM was just issued regarding a change in the airport's approach frequency.
- The new frequency is 126.475.

#### **AWOS**

Mr. Ritorto

- What is the status of the AWOS?

Mr. Mongaliri

- Verizon, a private contractor, and representatives from the FAA will be on site next week to determine what improvements need to be made to both the AWOS and the localizer.

#### **Potable Water**

Mr. Mongaliri

- The FBO recently reported issues with the salt content and pH levels of the airport's potable water.
- There have been some issues with clogs, corrosion, and subsidence.

Mr. Simone

- Buildings and Grounds is addressing these issues.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

Mr. Simone

- The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on January 22, 2020 at the Terminal Building.
- Members will be notified.

**Closing:** 7:51 PM