

STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 7, 2020

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on July 7, 2020 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Jessica Fenos, Vice Chair Vincent Weimer, Linda Barath; **Council:** Paul Marnecheck, Jeremy Dietrich, Michael Vos; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer Other: Dawn Carbone McDonald, Michael McDonald, Anton Krieger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of June 2, 2020 Committee minutes. Moved by Ms. Barath, seconded by Mr. Weimer. Vote: Yeas: 3; Nays: 0. **Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Storm Water/Infrastructure Maintenance Monthly Report**

Ms. Fenos states Mr. Smith was kind enough to print out a copy for us of the job request. It looks like you guys have been doing a lot still.

Mr. Smith states everyone should have a monthly report for what was done in the month of June. If anybody has any questions, I will be happy to answer.

Mr. Marnecheck states, well I am guessing that the lack of rain has been helpful. I was worried today we have a storm water meeting; I was worried it was going to storm.

Mr. Smith states we have been fortunate.

Mr. Marnecheck states have you been able to get done with some kind of long term or more extensive things?

Mr. Smith states I wanted to mention that because we had an incident where the lacker trucker was out in the area and somebody had kids playing around while they were jetting the line and they informed them that they should move back due to this COVID and somebody put it on Facebook about what truck it was and it was one of our back trucks but we tried to use caution while we are out there because we are still under this pandemic. If anybody in anyone's ward reports that you know it was storm water out there or waste water.

Ms. Fenos anybody have any questions about the report.

2. **Maintenance Projects**

Mr. Schmitzer states maintenance projects; we have the York Road regional basin over at Gross Builders property at York and 82. It is about six foot of shale that has built up inside that basin, we knew there would be routine maintenance, we do have a quote from local contractor we have the purchase order, we are just following through with the agreement that Council just passed and signed, the Mayor just signed for maintenance of that with the property owners Gross Builders, to make sure that we have everything covered who was going to pay what and that sort of thing.

Mr. Marnecheck states that is the one at Traditions?

Mr. Schmitzer said Traditions, yes. The senior complex.

Mr. Marnecheck states 55 and older?

Mr. Schmitzer states the mature adult community. So, we have everything in place, we just got the permit application from the contractor and the insurance naming both the property owner and the city as an additional insured for liability. We should be scheduling that and getting going this month in July and it should be finished up this month. Not that much for them to do with the big machine they should be able to get that cleaned out pretty quick. The contractors are also doing work for the property owners it is not just city responsibility in addition on that basin, so they are trying to coordinate all those efforts at one time.

Mr. Marnecheck states since they have the equipment there?

Mr. Schmitzer states yes exactly.

Mr. Marnecheck states how many days do you think that it will take to do that city portion of the job?

Mr. Schmitzer states probably two days, it is just really once they set up digging and dumping into a truck and getting the trucks out, so that will most of the first day and a half and last half of the second day will kind of be shaping and making it look nice and coming back with a little bit of seed and straw. That is really all we have for maintenance projects. I was not here last month because I was at another meeting, but prior to that I wanted to go out and address something that was brought up about three months ago. The Cedar Estate regional basin and there was some questions from residents that live in Cedar Estates whether that basin actually functioned and doing what it was doing, so it April-ish, I think, time frame large storm event on a Friday evening, I took a drive out through the City, went out to look at the Cedar regional basin and I ran into the Mayor, Ms. Fenos and Mr. Marnecheck out there, we were headed in the same mind set to look at it, it is functioning beautifully, water going through the stream, dumping over the channel into the basin storing, everything was functioning as we hoped it would, but there we are going to look at with the sewer district with the outlet pipe if we can possibly restrict that a little bit more so we can hold back more because we do have a lot of space to hold water to kind of show that it is working better and releasing it at a slower rate.

Mr. Weimer states, Mark I have two questions for you. The first one was, Mayor you can chime in too, have we heard anything back as far as cleaning out the Rocky River drainage area that comes across Bennett there by Tammy Lemons house?

City Engineer Mr. Schmitzer states I have not seen a report come back from the sewer district.

Mr. Marnecheck states that is right by the Metroparks, right?

City Engineer Mr. Schmitzer states yes.

Mayor states I thought they gave us a report back. Mentioned that when they went out there, I think they may have saw a little bit, they determined a little bit not enough for them to go out there and clean it at this time, but they will continue to monitor it and look at it, and make sure that it is still clear.

Mr. Weimer states my other question was the creek that runs through the Spy Glass development, Falling Waters development is there a regular maintenance cycle for that clean out that we do there that I can sort of advise homeowners on as to how often we go back there and do that clean out of that area.

City Engineer Mr. Schmitzer states I am trying to remember off the top of my head.

Mr. Weimer states I know we were just out there and just did it because I think that it is on the report here. Yes, for Kingston Way.

Mr. Schmitzer states yes Kingston Way. Not Spy Glass.

Mr. Weimer states that Kingston Way is the access to it, but it flows through the entirety of the Spy Glass Falling Waters complex.

Mr. Schmitzer states so the portion that is behind Kingston Way, so that is the only portion that we are not going through the whole stream channel throughout the development, we did do a project about five years ago, so we are trying to maintain that area where the water flows out to the retention basin area. There really is no set schedule, it is going to fill up with debris. What we really want is to stop the erosion, it was 6 to 8-foot-deep, causing people's backyards to fall in, so we remedied that. The reason we remedy it was by a utility crossing, we didn't want to lose our sanitary sewer so there is no set schedule. If the residents start seeing something, we kind have done that by word of mouth because the residents are right there, it is their backyard. If they notice something, they either email you or the City somehow and let us know and take a look at it.

Mr. Weimer states that sounds good. Thank you.

Ms. Fenos states can you update on Indian Trails and Meadow View?

Mr. Schmitzer states yes, Indian Trails, they were finishing up the work too, I had a punch list out there for everything. One of the items was installing the southern berm along the south property line there and they were in the process of installing that and they have not seeded and strawed it yet because I have asked them to take an As-Built survey to make sure that it met the plan on that. That one is being done, everything should be up to snuff and addressed in that development there, Indian Trails Phase II. Meadow View I have reached out a couple times to Drees Builders and the developer to talk about both the north and south swales that are common along multiple lots and we have yet to set a meeting to meet out there. In talking with the Mayor what we want them to do is basically stale the full swales across the northside and the southside be done with it so that we don't have to wait for each building to come in and do their portion. Let us get it installed, let it drain through the stormwater basins and be done with it right now. We are in the process of still trying to schedule that meeting.

Ms. Fenos states when you do finally have the meeting what kind of a time frame do you think it is for them to have that done?

Mr. Schmitzer states until we have the meeting and discuss, there is a lot of moving parts because it is the developer but then the builder owns part of the lot, who is responsible; so I have to figure out who is going to do what and when it is going to get done. I would imagine if we get a meeting that it will be within two weeks it will be completed. In the meantime, we have done some other stuff out there, they have done stuff that we asked them to do. So there is four storm water basins out in Meadow View, the one basin that was closest to the southern roadway tree line trail during the March event overtopped and came over to Abby, we have since removed the temporary orifice that was in there that makes that basin act like a settling pond for sentiment because that pond does drain to another pond that already has the same set up. So, we made that pond act, let it flow through and not over top, flow through the other basin and let that basin fill up so we don't have that overtopping situation. In the meantime, we have also taken the, what we call rabbit cages around all the catch basins we are having them remove that and put a different type in that basically lets water into the storm system but catches the sentiment so they just have to go out and maintain them a little bit more often, but we don't have storm water bypassing that should be going into them.

Ms. Fenos states very good.

Mr. Marnecheck states is there an update on Burger King's gabion basket that fell over?

Mr. Schmitzer states a week ago, I talked to John Blanchfield from BMI who was contacted by Burger King Corporate after the Mayor discussed the issue with them. He gave them a price to do the repair, but it just

wasn't the repair because he couldn't repair it without rebuilding one whole section of wall because it would just fit in and fall down two weeks later so Burger King Corporate has requested other contractors to submit quotes so that is the delay on Burger King getting anything done out there.

Mr. Marnecheck states they want three quotes?

Mr. Schmitzer states I don't know what they want, they want at least one more quote just to check.

Mr. Dietrich states can we legally put an ETA on them? Can we ask them to have it done by an "x" date?

Mr. Marnecheck states like give them a deadline.

Mr. Schmitzer states we would have to ask the regional sewer district, that is their stretch of stream, that is their authority.

Mr. Marnecheck states so regional would have to tell Burger King this is your deadline is what you are saying?

Ms. Barath states do you know what the status is on the Royal Valley basin?

Mr. Schmitzer states just talked to Tracy Marks the HOA President this evening, she does have three contractors that have come out to look at it, she is still having trouble getting quotes from anybody to actively do the work. I just don't know anyone that wants to tackle it or they can't or whatever, but I have given her all the resources that I have used in the past and other contractors have done for other HOA's. Just right now, a lot of contractors either don't want it or they are busy with other work and they can't get to it.

Ms. Fenos states what about Omni, any issues with the basins there? I haven't heard anything from... the basins at the Omni.

Mr. Schmitzer states I have not heard any issues with those.

Ms. Fenos states me either.

Mr. Schmitzer states one more thing, it will take two minutes, sorry. Since I was not here last time, there was some questions, I read through the minutes about what is the City doing proactively about construction sites. Mayor answered pretty well on that but I just want to reiterate, we do have a Memorandum with Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District. Any active construction site that we have in the City that is over one acre in size is monthly reviewed by them personally in the field. They will go and send a report that is usually 7 to 8 pages long to tell them what measures have to be implemented, what has to be redone, other stuff that they have to do, sweep, that sort of stuff. If they don't adhere to that then they get a letter of deficiency. We recently got two of those letters of deficiency. One for the contractor on 82 and one for Gross Builders at Traditions. So, I gave them a week to get back to me with a maintenance schedule when they were going to clean everything up and I have those schedules and they should be done by mid- July with all the cleanup and getting back in compliance.

Mr. Weimer states I am the one that asked that question, it was in regard to Indian Trails Phase II I am just curious, I would like to know more about how the builder was able to get away without putting the proper swale in for so long to the point that I had residents with mud in their basements over on Wood Ridge Oval because it came cascading over from the property behind them to their property and flooded out the whole cul-de-sac. I have to report back to my residents on how that happened.

Mr. Schmitzer states that was an extreme event. Even if we would have had the swale in we would have had something over top.

Mr. Weimer states I get that, my question was the conservancy like they should have been on that better because obviously that phase had been there for quite some time without that swale. So that is where my question was is more to the fact of is there something we as a City to tighten up the rules and regulations around that more so it doesn't happen again so the builder cannot come into our community and build a development not follow the rules and because they didn't follow the rules other residents are harmed in the result of that. So that is where that question came from. I just wanted to give you more context to where it came from.

Mr. Schmitzer states okay.

3. **Turnpike Mitigation**

City Engineer Mr. Schmitzer states no update.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Fenos states that she does not have anything new. Anyone have anything new that they want to add? If there is nothing new, I will adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Fenos, seconded by Mr. Barath **to adjourn the July 7, 2020 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.