

Drainage And Sewer Control Committee
October 25, 2006 5:30PM
Organizational Meeting

Member Attendees: Joseph Schiavone, Dennis Mulac, Tom Loya, Rob Jamieson (Asst. Service Director), Rosemary Filisky, Julia Henderson, Cathy Loya

Other Attendees: Joe Levay (resident), Tim McCoy (resident)

Agenda and Notes:

Select Chairperson: Dennis Mulac was selected as chairperson of the committee, as per a committee vote

Select Vice-Chair: Rosemary Filisky was selected as vice-chair, as per committee vote

Select Secretary: Amanda Coon was selected as secretary, as per committee vote

Create Mission Statement: A mission statement was agreed upon by all committee Members, with a note that it could be amended or changed in the future:

The Drainage and Sewer Control Committee is made up of volunteer residents whose mission is to identify and investigate solutions to drainage and sewer problems that affect the City of Macedonia. The committee will work to identify public and private responsibilities while making recommendations for improvements and informing the public.

Naming of Committee: Committee members all agree according to vote that the committee shall be called the "Drainage and Sewer Control Committee"

Meeting Dates: Committee members all agree that meetings shall be held on either the 2nd or the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Next committee meeting has been scheduled for November 8, 2006 at 7pm.

Brainstorm Ideas: (condensed listing)

1. Culvert Cleaning Program: the committee discussed if the city responsibility regarding culverts could be expanded to include cleaning of driveway culverts, already clean roadside ditches. It is now a resident responsibility.
2. Indian Creek Widening/Obstruction Removal: there are still blockages in the creek and in culverts. There is significant sediment in some culvert pipes near the high school, and there are small islands and overgrowth in many areas of Indian Creek that need to be addressed.
3. Storm Sewer Clean-Up

4. Identify Areas of Excessive Storm Water Runoff: For example, behind homes on Shepard Hills Blvd, and between Brookpoint and Shepard Hills north side. Also areas created from schools, businesses, churches, etc.
5. Explore Retention/Detention Basins and Their Feasibility: Possibly create a city easement for construction of retention basins, or buy homes to create retention basins. Need a place to hold and release water in a controlled manner.
6. Redefine City Responsibilities: For example, expand culvert maintenance to driveway culverts; perhaps have city have more responsibility for larger issues instead of putting the entire burden on the homeowner.
7. Construct New Easements: Create new easements to enable the city to maintain drainage. Easements to be used as dedicated storm water channel, possibly with above or underground retention basins.
8. Regional Issues: Is the city getting all of another city's storm water, or is the city forcing its storm water onto another city
9. Enforce City Topography: Find a way to ensure that drainage ditches, culverts, and swales are not filled in or otherwise blocked, such as with landscaping or trees.
10. Determine if a Consultant is a Feasible Idea: Need to determine what the DSCC and the city are able to do on their own, and decide if a consultant would be able to aid in resolving some issues.

Meeting members were also given copies of:

An article appearing in The Plain Dealer on October 16, 2006 titled "Concrete flowing to clear up lake, river"

Two letters from Joseph W. Diemert, Jr., Law Director for City of Macedonia, one to Mr. Crevar, the City Service Director and one to Mayor Kuchta, both were dated August 1, 2006

There were no action items for the next meeting of the committee.