

Drainage and Sewer Control Committee
May 7, 2008, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center
Regular Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.
- II. **Attendees are as follows:**
Members: Amanda Coon, Julia Henderson, Cathy Loya, Tom Loya, Jean Gagne, Dennis Mulac, and Rosemary Filisky
City Representatives: Jim Crevar (Service Director), Fred Tufts (City Engineer)
Others in Attendance: Don Sloan (Resident), Michael Stopar (Resident), Dennis Cornett (Resident)
- III. Minutes of the April 2, 2008 regular meeting were unanimously approved.
- IV. **Q&A for Residents**
- A. **Mike Stopar:** This resident's property at 1342 Berkshire takes on and holds an abundance of water that appears to be coming from Shepard Road and Deepwood. He believes part of the problem is due to insufficient ditching along Shepard Road, and that homes along Shepard should have their downspouts evaluated, since many of them have outlets directly into the Shepard Road ditches. He did fill out a survey. He is also speaking on behalf of Tom Provateare, whose nearby property is suffering the same situation. Mr. Stopar also noted that the runoff seems to have more speed this year, perhaps due to the recent rehabilitation of Shepard Road. Don Sloan, whose property is at 1322 Berkshire, was also in attendance. He confirmed that the problem is happening, and his property is also suffering from increased runoff.
1. Committee members received a copy of an email dated May 1, 2008 from Dennis to Mr. Stopar noting his attendance to the meeting and his issues.
- B. **Dennis Cornett:** This resident's property on Blue Jay Trail is suffering from street runoff that pools in his front yard. According to Mr. Cornett, the city came and piped in the ditches. When this happened, he asked for a drain in his front yard, but none was put in. He says that he first went to council, but the mayor directed him to our committee. Jim says that the resident will either have to install a catch basin or culvert under the small driveway located near the creek. Jim notes that it would be ideal to ditch through the small driveway. The resident says that the drive goes back to a shed on his property that was once part of the city's water system. The drive apparently was put in by the city for access to the pumps. Mr. Cornett and Rosemary agree that the ditches were piped in around 1987. Jim and Fred agree that the ditches were piped in by the city at the resident's request, although Rosemary and Mr. Cornett disagree. Jim informed the resident and the committee that these pipes have been snaked numerous times due to tree roots. Mr. Cornett wishes to install the drain himself. The city agrees that he can install a drain and punch into the current drain pipes, the new drain would be located in the resident's front yard at the former ditch line. Fred informed Mr. Cornett that he would need to visit the building department for the drain standards and any permits that would be needed.

Dennis also noted that there are 2 more trees in the creek on school property. Jim will send another letter to the high school to have the trees removed. He also says that

there is an increased amount of sediment and gravel on the west culvert on Blue Jay Trail. He has noticed increased erosion on the creek bank on his property. Jim notes that the culvert is cleaned annually, and that the sediment returns quickly each time the culvert is cleaned.

V. Old Business

- A. **DOES follow-up:** DOES is continuing to perform inspections in the Shepard Hills Blvd/Crow Drive study area. DOES will not be regularly attending meetings from this point forward, but has offered to attend anytime it is necessary.
- B. **EPA Phase 2 follow-up:** Fred notes that the city needs to prepare their year end report for 2007. The city will be a part of the Summit County joint EPA permit for 2008.
- C. **Participation by Schools:** Dennis will have the mayor send a letter to the schools asking them to keep the city and the committee informed of issues with the creek. The letter will also invite them to attend DSCC meetings whenever they wish.
- D. **Survey Responses:** Jim has only received 7 responses from 20 surveys that were faxed out. He will have Cheri call those that haven't responded in hopes to receiving more surveys back.

VI. New Business

- A. **CTI Modeling:** Per Dennis, CTI has completed the modeling, but the report with recommendations and findings is not yet complete.
 - 1. Committee members received a copy of an email dated May 7, 2008 from CTI that contained a memo about the modeling, a map of potential storage areas, and a chart showing details of the potential storage areas. They have requested the committee's input on the information provided.
- B. **How Much \$ Used in N. Bedford Culvert Repair:** None of the culvert sizes were increased, but culverts that were in need of replacement were replaced. No dollar amount was available; it is still unclear which part of the budget this money was pulled from. Fred noted that the money from this year's culvert replacement program will be spent on St. Rt. 8 culvert. The state will be repaving this year north of Rt. 82. The culvert to be replaced is located between Rt. 82 and Valley View.
- C. **Dredging of Brandywine Creek:** Note that members received a copy of a letter from the EPA to the Summit County Engineer dated April 29, 2008.
- D. **Visit to 467 Mapleview Drive:** Mr. Marek is concerned with the amount of rain flow entering the backyards in his neighborhood. He believes that the water flow has been diverted over the years and is now pooling in backyards rather than flowing to the creek. He has contacted the city previously regarding this problem. Jan and Dennis visited this home. The resident wants to dig a trench straight through to the creek. Dennis and Jan discouraged this, and discussed checking through the city's topographic maps to see what has changed over the years. The resident is ok with checking the maps before taking any action.
 - 1. Committee members received a copy of an email dated April 28, 2008 from Jan regarding Mr. Marek's problem and his request for someone to visit his property.
 - 2. Committee members also received a copy of an email dated May 7, 2008 from Mike Kubiak regarding a home at 9460 Indian Run. The home belongs to his mother. He says that the water from N. Bedford runs through

backyards on Maplevue to her home on Indian Run, and then enters her basement. She has 2 sumps that run continuously.

E. Discussion

1. Rosemary and Cathy both attended the EPA flood plain meeting. Rosemary's house now falls within the flood plain, but the school was removed from the flood plain. Rosemary believes it could be because the school built makeshift levies to keep practice field from flooding. Cathy noted that the 1980 map showed that their backyard was in the floodplain, but the new floodplain goes up to N. Bedford Road.
2. Fred advised that Summit County will resume mapping the outfalls of the storm sewers to continue the storm system mapping process.
3. Jim will be attending the Tinker's Creek Watershed Partner's Breakfast with the Mayors on behalf of Mayor Kuchta. (Committee received a copy of the flier at this meeting.)

VII. Calendar

May 21, 2008, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center: Meeting to review survey responses and review funding options.

June 4, 2008, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center: Regular meeting

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52PM.