

Drainage and Sewer Control Committee
June 12, 2007 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center
Regular Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM.
- II. Attendees are as follows:
Members: Rosemary Filisky, Dennis Mulac, Julia Henderson, Cathy Loya, Tom Loya, Joseph Schiavone, Amanda Coon
City Representatives: Jim Crevar (Service Director), Fred Tufts (City Engineer)
Others in Attendance: Dave Koontz (CTI), John Lund (CTI)
Residents in Attendance: H.B. Swain, Fred Tate, and Mike & Teri Gabriel
- III. Minutes of the May 7, 2007 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
- IV. **Chairperson's Report**
- A. **Discussion of the May field trip:** The field trip took place on May 6. Cathy took notes and provided a brief summary. Please see handout titled "DSCC Itinerary" dated 5/6/2007. There was some discussion regarding the blockage of Indian Creek behind the high school. Per our last meeting, Rosemary was to discuss with Mr. Hartman at the school, but they have not returned her calls. Jim will send a letter to Mr. Hartman and copy the school board about the downed tree blocking the creek. The committee also had a brief discussion about the Route 8 roadwork and who is ultimately responsible for maintaining the culverts under Route 8. Per Fred, the city is responsible for maintaining the waterway under the road. It was also noted that the city performed the work around the culverts that the committee saw while on the field trip. At the time, the committee had assumed that it was ODOT that had performed the work.
- B. **OLG solutions:** Fred is to discuss some ideas with John Lund at a later date.
- C. **Discussion of the role CTI plays in this and future phases:** At this time CTI is working to collect data rather than to solve individual problems. Some of the issues that the committee and CTI are seeing will begin to be resolved during Phase II. Phase I is a very broad scope, as we continue, future phases will funnel down to more specific areas/problems.
- V. **New Business**
- A. **CTI Study Status:** John noted that the problems seen while on the field trip and in recent weeks are indicative problems seen throughout the city. Dave has a meeting scheduled with DOES on Thursday to collect information from them. Dave prepared a summary of the CTI Study status, please see handout titled "Macedonia DSCC Meeting – June 12, 2007, CTI Agenda." John also provided 2 charts of the survey responses, one titled "598 Survey Responses...." And one titled "Of the 124 with

building flooding...” Each one breaks down the survey responses and issues found. It was also suggested that members of the DSCC could enter the survey data in a Microsoft Access database, allowing easy sorting on a number of key issues.

- B. John Lund report on visit with 82 & Shepard Residents:** John visited the SW quadrant of Rt. 82 and Shepard at 5PM today. Dave, Fred, Jim, Mr. Tate, and Mr. Swain accompanied him for his hour and a half visit. Currently there is free flowing clear water on the property. John advised he needs to find the source of the clear water, as it is transporting gritty silt. Per the residents, they have had to remove the silt, from 2 to 12 inches at a time, at least once a year. John says that the 4 to 5 pond system around this intersection needs to be evaluated. The residents note that the ponds very rarely hold water during rains. The problem as a whole could be something that is studied in Phase 2. Water from the other three quadrants all flows to the southwest quadrant of the intersection. This causes 3 to 4 homes to flood, and also Rt. 82 at times.
- C. Crow/Hampton Retention Basin and Dam follow-up:** Jim was at the site and inspected the dam. City crews are coming to try to realign the concrete pipes that have separated. They are pushing the head wall over. Dennis will forward the Booth’s email to Jim so he can contact them to advise they will be looking at the dam.
- D. Iroquois Trail information:** Please see information given to the DSCC by Mike and Teri Gabriel, titled “2000 Flooding Problems.” There was brief discussion about the stop at the Gabriel’s home on the field trip. The committee agreed to discuss the information received at the next meeting so everyone would have time to read it through. This led to a discussion about Riparian setbacks, which were defined as something that regulates development near waterways. We also discussed easements, which were defined as right of ways giving the ability to maintain waterways/drains/etc. Rosemary also wondered what the EPA’s position is on dumping in the creek, i.e. the concrete dumped behind the high school stands to slow erosion.
- E. Creating survey spreadsheets for DSCC use:** Tom, Cathy, and Julia agreed to work on entering the survey information into an Access database.
- F. Future field trips:** The committee discussed using the problems/requests from the surveys to plan future field trips as necessary.

VI. Old Business

A. Member input, comments, suggestions:

1. Cathy noted some interesting information she found on the Internet. She will forward links to these sites via email to all committee members.
2. Regarding contacting those who requested it via the surveys: the committee can make a quick report at the next council meeting regarding the surveys. We can note that the surveys went

straight to the consultant and we are now beginning to get them back to begin contacting those who wish to share their information.

3. Rosemary suggested Peggy Spraggins as a contact from the old storm water committee.
4. Brandywine Watershed – the draft partnership that we received a copy of has to be signed by council. We received as information only.
5. It was briefly discussed that Mike Miller did not make a council report. Dave suggested that the committee provide him with something he can present.
6. Issue 2 funding: This is mostly for regional storm water management, such as regional retention basins, etc. There are some funding options available from this, but the city is not as far as we need to be to apply for this funding.

VII. Q & A for Residents

- A. Mike Gabriel (883 Iroquois) noted that he appreciates the committee's efforts in attempting to alleviate the flooding issues.
- B. S.B. Swain (SW corner of 82 and Shepard) spoke regarding the flooding from silt buildup on his and neighboring properties. The notes that it is a unique problem that requires him to manually dig out the silt deposits 3 to 4 times per year. Sections of his property are constantly wet and unusable.
- C. Fred Tate (SW corner of 82 and Shepard) noted that he provided Rob with pictures from his property. Stone that had been put in has been completely covered with silt.

VIII. Calendar: The next regular meeting of the DSCC will be on July 17, 2007 at 7:00PM at the Macedonia City Center. CTI will also make their preliminary findings presentation to the DSCC at that time.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08PM.