

**Drainage and Sewer Control Committee**  
**July 17, 2007 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center**  
**Regular Meeting**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM.
- II. Attendees are as follows:  
**Members:** Amanda Coon, Tom Loya, Cathy Loya, Julia Henderson, and Rosemary Filisky  
**City Representatives:** Jan Tulley (Council Representative), Rob Jamieson (Asst. Service Director)  
**Others in Attendance:** Dave Koontz (CTI), John Lund (CTI), and Jeff Saunders (News Leader)  
**Residents in Attendance:** H.B. Swain, Frederick Tate
- III. Minutes of the June 12, 2007 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
- IV. **Chairperson's Report**  
Dennis informed the committee that Jean Gagne had been performing work on his property on his own to alleviate the storm water issues. He allotted the rest of his report time to Jane Goodman, who spoke regarding the Brandywine Creek Watershed Partnership. Jane is the Community and Outreach Director for the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan (RAP). Please see the handout titled "Partnership Agreement." Jan advised the committee that council is looking for a recommendation from the DSCC regarding this watershed partnership before entering into any agreement. The following are notes from Jane's presentation:
- Many watershed organizations were started by citizen's groups, however, they are not always effective. Sometimes changes are needed with regard to zoning or other laws that citizen's groups cannot make alone. The purpose of the Brandywine Creek Watershed Partnership is to bring about a more regional approach to caring for the watershed as a whole. The Ohio EPA has given the Cuyahoga River RAP an educational grant. They will be starting workshops to train members of the watershed partnerships. Their goal is to develop training scheduled to begin later this year and to develop a master watershed plan. This plan would include all of the smaller watersheds that flow into the Cuyahoga River. The Cuyahoga Valley National Park wanted to start this program. These watersheds directly impact the national park and everyone's tax dollars. Macedonia would have a representative to the watershed partnership and an alternate representative. The watershed partnership would meet every three months. Of the four communities that are geographically a part of this watershed, Hudson and Boston Heights have already signed on. Northfield Center and Macedonia are the only two remaining. The agreement only requires three of the four signatures before it can be put into action. Members of the DSCC agreed to vote on this at the

next meeting in order to give council a recommendation by their next meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## V. **Old Business**

- A. Crow/Hampton Retention Basin and Dam Follow-up:** Rob noted that the service department had received an estimate of \$7800 to build a new head wall for the dam. They are currently trying to investigate other alternatives, since there is not enough money in the budget for this. It was also noted that the area that is grown in with cattails is owned by Sunrise Land Development, however, it is believed that they are attempting to sell the land locked parcel.
- B. Creating Survey Spreadsheets for DSCC use:** Dave and John from CTI will coordinate this effort. They will provide copies of the surveys so the DSCC can begin to contact residents who so requested it.
- C. Investigation of Swale Along Crow:** Jim Crevar is sending a letter to a resident advising they need to clean out their section of the swale. There is also another tree in the swale that is holding back water. Dennis and Jim will get together on that issue.
- D. School Debris in the Creek:** The school only removed the tree that was in the creek, none of the other debris that had built up around it. Rosemary also believes there is another tree down in the creek. Rob will get with Jim regarding this issue.
- E. OLG Drainage Pipe:** Jan asked about this pipe. She also advised that through her efforts she was unable to find any drawings that referenced a retention basin or pulling water from Shepard Road ditches. The last word is that Father Trask said the church would consider donating land to the city for the construction of a retention basin.

## VI. **CTI Presentation**

See the following handouts:

- “Macedonia DSCC Meeting – July 17, 2007, VI. CTI Presentation”
- “In your opinion, flooding in the area is caused by:” (3-pgs. Stapled)

John gave the committee a quick overview and some information before beginning the presentation. The presentation would be indicate the next steps needed and target areas to assess. CTI’s presentation to council would be on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. John also advised us of his recent conversations with Greg Bachman, Summit County Engineer. Greg is starting out with \$150,000/yr for storm water management. His goal is to work toward regionalizing storm water retention. He will partner with areas on these ideas starting next year with resources and funding. John also compared a storm water utility fee with a homeowner’s association maintenance fee. The fee would be used to fix drainage issues; much in the same way that an association’s maintenance fee would be used to fix drainage areas within the homeowner’s association.

In addition to the notes CTI provided, there were several other items mentioned. One is that the creek data noted in the Summary of Observations is based on a 1980 FEMA study. FEMA has recently completed a revision to this study, which will be available in October. Another is that the city owns 41 miles of storm sewers, but has no map of them. CTI has noted 3 key areas that need further study:

1. Shepard Hills/Berkshire/OLG area
2. Blue Jay Trail area
3. Sugarbush Park/Iroquois Trail area

In addition to these three areas, there were five others noted. See map emailed on Monday 7/23/2007 from Dennis.

It was also noted that Phase II would give recommendations and cost data for those recommendations for each specific area studied. Phase III would be the design and implementation of those recommendations. It was also noted that it is difficult to give a cost for the solution without studying the target areas further. The committee agreed that we need to propose a storm water utility fee now to begin banking funds for the proposed solutions. None of the problems are going to be quick fix, and none of them will be inexpensive. It is also possible for the storm water utility fee to be used on public and private property improvements. Phase II will also include a storm sewer and outfall map, which is a very important part of the EPA mandates. CTI will provide a breakdown of the cost to study the eight target areas found through the Phase I study and provide this to the DSCC at the next meeting. The committee agreed to prioritize the list at that time.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Contacting Residents Who Requested Follow-Ups:** See V. B.

**VIII. Q&A for Residents:** Residents from the Rt. 82 and Shepard Road area noted that the silt building up is creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes, which is a health hazard.

**IX. Calendar:** The next regular meeting of the DSCC will be on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:00PM at the Macedonia City Center.

**X.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:54PM.

Minutes taken 7/17/2007 by Amanda Coon

Minutes distributed via email 7/24/2007 by Amanda Coon