

STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2016

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on June 7, 2016 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Dan Langshaw, Vice Chair Steve Muller, Gary Petrusky; Council: Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Paul Marnecheck, Dan Kasaris; Administration: Law Director Thomas Kelly, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi; Other: Lou Krzepina, Maria Humayun, Ryan Burdick, Beth Burdick, Alan Long, Terri Long.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Petrusky, seconded by Mr. Muller to **approve the May 3, 2016 minutes**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Storm Water/Infrastructure Maintenance Monthly Report

No report.

2. 2016 Projects

Mr. Schmitzer said that we have a draft copy of the 401 permit to be issued by the EPA for the Cedar Estates Basin. He said that he spoke with the consultant to make sure that the terms are what we wanted and they in turn responded to the EPA. We expect the final permit to be issued within the next few weeks. Mr. Schmitzer said that in concurrence with this the Army Corps of Engineers has to issue a 404 permit and this won't be issued until the EPA issues their permit. He said that the EPA has notified the Army Corps that they are issuing the 401 permit so that they can begin drafting the 404 permit. He said that if all goes well we should have both permits by the end of June. He said that they are working with the consultant on finalizing the plans based on the permit conditions. He said they anticipate that plans for the basin should be out to bid by the end of July. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked Mr. Schmitzer to explain Ordinance 16-95 as it relates to this project. Mr. Schmitzer said that as part of the 401 permit from the Ohio EPA we are impacting wetlands, in particular forested wetlands. As part of the conditions of the permit we have to mitigate these wetlands either on site or off site. He said we weighed the pros and cons of doing it on site and the costs were actually higher than paying money into a land bank where a group has conserved hundreds of thousands of acres and are actually creating and restoring forested wetlands. Because it is tributary to the watershed that we are in, we were able to secure those credits. This legislation allows the Mayor to reserve those credits with that conservation group so that we they are reserved when the permit is issued. When the permit is issued, we have 30 days from the issuance to secure those credits. We have checked and those credits are available and awaiting our application. We will then sign an agreement and issue a check for the credits. Mr. Nickell said that this is very good news. He asked how long it will take to complete the project once it is started. Mr. Schmitzer said that he anticipates that most of the work will be done this year. We may have some final restoration work that will need to be done next spring but we will have a functioning basin this year. Mr. Nickell asked if they will be accessing the project from York Road. Mr. Schmitzer said yes, there is a drive apron from York Road that we will use as our haul road. We will then stabilize this as access in the future to maintain the basin. He said the basin is designed to be basically maintenance free. A review of how the basin will function took place.

Mr. Schmitzer said that we have the funds in hand for the York/Tilby Creek Project. We are finalizing the plans and anticipate by the end of the month to be going out to bid on this project. He felt that this would be constructed this summer. He said that we are incorporating all of the comments received and will keep the residents in the loop on when we go out to bid, when we have a contractor and we will meet with them before the construction starts.

3. Turnpike Mitigation

Mr. Kasaris asked when the next opportunity will be to apply for additional turnpike mitigation funding. He is looking at areas around Akins Road and Valley Parkway. Mr. Schmitzer said that ODOT did not have an application process this calendar year. He asked ODOT if they anticipated doing one for next year, but he did not get an answer. He said that he will contact them again in the next few months to see if there is any update. Mr. Antoskiewicz said when this whole thing first started ODOT was talking about \$5 million a year. Are they now saying they might squash the program or is it just a case of having so many projects lined up that the money is all spoken for. Mr. Schmitzer said he is unsure since they have not given him an answer either way. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if our current projects are still going forward. Mr. Schmitzer said yes, both projects for which we have been awarded money have been secured and these funds have been guaranteed for us. These projects will indeed move forward.

4. Amendment to 1481.08 Storm Water Maintenance

Mr. Schmitzer expects to have an update by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Ordinance 16-95**

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **recommend approval of Ordinance 16-95 to Council**. Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Petrusky to **adjourn the June 7, 2016 meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.**