



STORMWATER SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

404 North Wood Dale Rd.

Wood Dale, IL 60191

January 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Stormwater Subcommittee Meeting was called to Order at 6:30 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chairman Alderman Nadine Ames, City Clerk Lynn Curiale, Steve Krych, Gail Bedard, Warren Wawczak

Absent: Chairman Alderman Antonio Catalano, Patricia Pinnella, Dolores Kopp

Also Present: Assistant Director Patrick Hastings

Ald. Ames reported she had a contact number to call for someone to be dispatched to clear the Creek. She asked if large branches or blockages in Salt Creek impede water flow to please contact her. Mr. Paplauskas has updated the City website with the current information. Mr. Hastings stated the DuPage Stormwater Management also stated they will come out and take care of removing any blockages.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lynn made a motion, seconded by Steve, to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2021, meeting as presented. When the question was put, a vote was taken with all in favor and the motion carried.

ADOPT A STORM DRAIN PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS

Alderman Ames presented an Adopt-a-Storm Drain Program to be overseen by the Public Works Dept. to help keep the waterways clean of contaminants and reduce flooding.

Asst. Director Hastings added it was a great way to get people involved and aware of blockages to contact the PW Dept. to come clean it out.

There was discussion on ways to encourage Community involvement to take care of a storm drain near their home, what materials the City could provide to the Residents, education about the importance of keeping the drains clean of debris, oil and other contaminants, and to place a Storm Medallion at the adopted drain locations to remind people that it drains directly into the waterway and not to dump oil and other contaminants.



It was decided to investigate the costs of providing safety vests and gloves to Residents; to develop and provide Community education, information on safety, the importance of maintaining the drains; and designate the adopted drains with Drain Medallions and the possibility of yard signage.

Lynn made a motion, seconded by Warren, to move forward with the Adopt-a-Storm Drain Program. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Lynn, Warren, Alderman Ames
Nays: Steve, Gail
Motion: Passed

CREEK BANK CLEANUP

Steve reported the Salt Creek Cleanup is May 21. Main objective is to get people out there. He explained the event time is 9 or 10 am until noon, with the length of actual cleanup time determined by the weather, water level, and the quantity of debris. There are 2 areas to clean up. One is by the Reservoir and the other is along Salt Creek near the bridge on Irving Park Rd.

Lynn suggested asking Public Works to identify inland areas that can use some clean up help for those not wanting to work along the waterway.

Gail stated DuPage County sent a barge in prior years to clear the waterway of major blockages and asked that they be contacted to have the barge clear the creek again.

Asst. Director Hastings will put together some information to put into the March/April Newsletter.

Specifics will be planned at the next meeting, including liability forms, sign in sheets, contacting Fenton H.S. and Scouts, and advertising.

REQUIRED NUMBER OF STORMWATER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Asst. Director Hastings reported the Stormwater Committee shall consist of 8 members for a full Committee, with a quorum of 5 members needed.

Additional discussion

There was discussion regarding the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) and requirements; the importance of the Committee to enable Residents to purchase Flood Insurance; and to investigate if we qualify for a reduction in the CRS rating with the Stormwater work that has been done.

Gail asked that information in the Jan/Feb. Newsletter, p. 7, be corrected, and if Channel 6 is still broadcasting information about Emergency preparedness & evacuation plan, sandbag locations and Flood Insurance information.



Wood Dale Wildlife Refuge on Forestview is a floodway area needing maintenance. Public Works will investigate.

Steve inquired who to contact about abandoned houses in flooded areas for a buyout. Asst. Director Hastings responded buyouts are being actively pursued.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Summarize a to-do list
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30p

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Steve, seconded by Warren, to adjourn the January 5, 2022 Meeting. When the question was put all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Minutes taken by City Clerk Lynn Curiale

Reviewed by Asst. Director PW Patrick Hastings