



STORMWATER SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Wood Dale City Hall, Community Room
404 North Wood Dale Rd.
Wood Dale, IL 60191
May 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Stormwater Subcommittee Meeting was called to Order at 6:38 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Alderman Catalano, City Clerk Lynn Curiale, Steve Krych, Warren Wawczak
Absent: Vice-Chair Alderwoman Ames, Gail Bedard, Dolores Kopp, Patricia Pinnella
Staff Liaison: Assistant Director of Public Works Patrick Hastings

Whereupon Chairman Alderman Catalano declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Alderman Catalano made a motion, seconded by Clerk Curiale, to approve the Minutes of the October 5, 2022 meeting as presented. When the question was put, a vote was taken with all in favor and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION

SALT CREEK CLEAN-UP EVENT

Chairman Alderman Catalano reviewed the following:

- Location Lionwood Park at 9 am
- Steve will bring gloves, bags, signs
- Asst. Director Hastings stated the trucks will be there at 8:30 am and they will have safety vests, grabbers, additional bags, a case of water. There was discussion of where to drop off the garbage bags for PW to pick up. He will bring liability waivers that will also keep track of who was there.

Chairman Alderman Catalano inquired about canoe cleanups in the past. Steve gave a brief history. There used to be about 14 people. They started at the Lake in Busse Woods, crossed over to the Dam, portage the canoes around the dam and traveled down to Wood Dale picking up trash and debris along the way. People had fun while cleaning up. Some people waded in the Creek to get the debris. Afterwards people would meet at someone's house for food and drink. The Boy Scouts provided some of the canoes and there was a private concession at Busse Woods that also had canoes available.

Chairman Alderman Catalano suggested having canoes, food, and drink at future clean-ups to encourage more community participation and to also investigate the costs of possibly purchasing a canoe for the City's use. The Committee agreed.

Steve posted flyers at the High School with his phone number, however he had not had any responses to date.

Asst. Director Hastings said he had received one email and someone expressed interest through a Facebook post and was directed to call Public Works, but they never called.

There will be one more Social media push before the Cleanup, and it is also on the electronic signboard in front of Village Hall. Unfortunately, it did not get onto the Clock Tower due to connection problems.

George recalled the last time we did the cleanup, 2 trucks were filled full of bags, Jewel shopping carts, bicycle frames.

If enough people participate, then possibly some people can go over to the Reservoir at the end of School St. to clean. Steve said when they'd cleaned the Reservoir, they started out where the dam and Salt Creek merged. They usually only did one side because it was too difficult to crossover to the other side. Another possibility to clean both sides would be to start over by the public Pool.

ADOPT A STORM DRAIN PROGRAM UPDATE

Asst. Director Hastings reported that the program has rolled out and he showed the brochure that was being distributed. It is being put out on all Social Media and it is also on the City website. Four drains have been adopted by three (3) different people. He explained a little welcome packet is given to the adopter describing how the Storm Sewer works, some yard waste bags, gloves and a safety vest. A thank you template has been made to send a thank you for participating in the program. The City also has something like a permit to discharge Storm Water. One of the EPA requirements is to have Public Outreach and Education and this program helps the City qualify as a way of educating people that what goes down the drain affects the quality of the water that we ultimately end up consuming.

Chairman Alderman Catalano asked if the new Vortex Catch Basin has been cleaned out this year. Asst. Director Hastings confirmed it was done recently after the big storms and there was a lot of debris. There was discussion about how extremely well the new Storm Water Drain System worked to prevent major flooding during the last storm where we had 2" rain fall within 45 minutes. It had been up to 52% capacity.

Chairman Alderman Catalano added there is still an issue of flooding on the south side of the ward that needs to be handled. Asst. Director Hastings said Robinson has been asked to look at it and grants are being investigated.

BRIDGE AND POND INSPECTION REPORT

Asst. Director Hastings reviewed there was interest by the Committee to know if bridge and pond inspections were still being done and they asked to see the reports. He shared 2 monthly reports for April, one was Bridge Cleaning and one was Retention Basin Cleaning.

Chairman Alderman Catalano inquired if it included inspecting the bridge structures. Asst. Director Hastings replied no, the Structural Engineers do that. This report is about all bridges over Salt Creek and any large branches and debris that would impede the flow of the Creek. The State has the responsibility of the Irving Park Bridge and Public Works just makes sure it is flowing. If there is anything that needs to be removed, it will be reported to the DuPage Co. Stormwater Commission, and they will send a crew to clear it out. Public Works will remove it if it can easily be done. There are many basins that are checked to make sure the drains are clear of silt or blockage. If there is a lot of growth Public Works will go in and clear it out.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Canoes
- Merge WD for a Greener Tomorrow Committee and the Stormwater Subcommittee meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Alderman Catalano made a motion, seconded by Steve, to adjourn the May 3, 2023 Meeting. When the question was put all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Minutes taken by City Clerk Lynn Curiale

Reviewed by Public Works Asst. Director Patrick Hastings