



STORMWATER SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

404 North Wood Dale Rd.

Wood Dale, IL 60191

October 5, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Catalano, Vice-Chair Ames, City Clerk Lynn Curiale, Gail Bedard,
Warren Wawczak

Absent: Steve Krych, Dolores Kopp, Patricia Pinnella

Staff Liaison: Assistant Director Public Works, Patrick Hastings

Chairman Alderman Catalano declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Catalano made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Ames, to approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2022 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

Asst. Director Hastings reported he's been working with Esri our GSI holder for clarifying and making language changes to our website, to link up to the Adopt-a-Storm Drain Program and putting together some ideas to make the site more interactive by showing locations of the adopted drains and possibly list who adopted the drain. However, an upgraded package is needed to go live. The quote submitted for the upgraded package was \$10,000 just to get access to the Adopt-a-Drain portal. A "generic" version to our website is being considered as an alternative, along with putting info in the Newsletter. Chairman Catalano asked Clerk Curiale for an update regarding Janelle updating our website links. Clerk Curiale reported Janelle had said she would work on it after she finished the City's summer events and setting up the upcoming Fall and Holiday events. Clerk Curiale will do a follow up with Janelle. Clerk Curiale asked if Grants were available to help with the costs. Chairman Catalano asked if General Recycling



Information could be tied to the new program package. Warren stated hours, location and any recycling costs involved should be included.

Asst. Director Hastings reported 2 Quality Water Grants are ready to go for the Tall Oaks Detention Retrofit through DuPage County that will help pay for over 50% of the project costs, but the project is currently on hold due to problems with Metra and right-away problems.

Warren suggested putting an Adopt-a-Drain Program application form into the Newsletter. Gail suggested doing an informational reminder to remind everyone to keep the drains near their residence clear of leaves, litter, and debris to help prevent flooding.

CREEK BANK CLEAN UP EVENT

Asst. Director Hastings presented the idea of doing a Salt Creek Cleanup in the Fall.

Gail stated Creek Cleanup had been done twice a year in the past: Earth Day, April 22 and Make a Difference Day Cleanup in Oct. It was decided to do a Spring Cleanup in 2023 and decide later about doing one next Fall as there is no time to advertise for a Fall cleanup this year. Warren said late Fall is a good time to do it as the creek water levels are low and foliage has died back. Gail reminded everyone the Cleanup depends on the Creek level.

Gail gave a brief history of prior cleanups that also included people using canoes and some people going into the water to remove items. Most of the canoers owned their own canoes, some rented them at Busse Woods. In the past, a barge would come thru every 4 to 5 years to clear the Creek and she expressed frustration with trying to get DuPage County to come out now to clear it. She suggested contacting our Representatives to get the debris cleared.

Asst. Dir. Hastings stated DuPage County GIS shows private properties all along the Creek with ownership up to the middle of the Creek that are not under jurisdiction which is a problem.

All agreed photos should be taken of the Cleanup and posted to show Community involvement.

NFIP – PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Asst. Director Hastings said the NFIP is like a tax code in complexity. It is a voluntary program with very few requirements for a city to participate in. The CRS Program (Community Ratings Service) integrates into it and adds to the National Flood Insurance Program. Any resident of the Community that is under the National Flood Insurance Program can get Flood Insurance no matter where they live for the same coverage and rates. This includes those that do not live in a flood plain or live in urban and inland flood prone areas. The difference is Flood Insurance is required if you live in a flood plain. Gail stated the availability to have reduced cost for Flood Insurance was important for those that live near flood areas and or inland areas that are



affected by severe weather storm flooding because Homeowners Insurance does not cover flood damage. It was decided to make this info available to the Residents.

Asst. Director Hastings stated we have the points we need for CRS level 4, but we need a Watershed Management Plan and Flood Plan. The Salt Creek Workshop has a Watershed Plan, however, it does not qualify for this because it is more about Water Quality of the water discharged from the Water Treatment Plant and not on flooding. Gail inquired if anyone was looking for Grants and applying for them to help with the cost for a new Watershed Plan. Chairman Catalano said he would talk with City Manager Mermuys to have the Lobbyist investigate it for us.

Additional Discussion

People stealing plants and flowers from the Wildlife Refuge which is a floodway and other areas such as by Potter Street.

Remaining requirements needed to acquire the Water Quality Flag: Staff training and cooking oil recycling

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Grants
- Salt Creek Cleanup - Spring and Fall

Next Stormwater Subcommittee Meeting Feb. 1, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Chairman Catalano, seconded by Clerk Curiale, to adjourn the October 5, 2022 Meeting. When the question was put all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

*Minutes taken by City Clerk Lynn Curiale
Reviewed by Asst. Director PW Patrick Hastings*