



# CITY OF WOOD DALE

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## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

**Committee Date:** January 17, 2018  
**Present:** Pat Pinnella, Gail Bedard Jim Wheeler, Steve Krych,  
and Warren Wawczak  
**Absent:** Dorrie Madonna, Marge Kalva, and Dolores Kopp  
**Staff Liaison:** Sean Kelly, Robinson Engineering  
**Council Liaison:** Ald. Eugene Wesley  
**Meeting Convened At:** 7:30 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Krych made a motion seconded by Pat Pinnella to pass the November 15, 2017 minutes with all eyes the morion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patti Jalowiec resident at 136 N. Forest View, Wood Dale was present and asked about the CRS Rating, potential dredging to increase depth in salt creek, and debris on the Elizabeth Bridge.

### REPORT OF CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON SMC RECOMMENDATION (BY COUNCIL LIAISON)

Ald. Wesley asked for a motion to allow him to propose a request for future funding (and requested amount) to the City Council for the CRS Rating System.

### **COMMISSIONER AGENDA**

- **Salt Creek Watershed Network**

Per Mr. Krych, a April 14<sup>th</sup> date has been set for the creek clean-up.

Mrs. Bedard stated that she doesn't understand why we have to have all these stipulations and worry about how we will offend people by cleaning the creek. In the past we got a group together and kept the creek clean with no delays or problems.

- **Commissioner Comment**

Mr. Wheeler asked that we move discussion of the CRS Rating System to the end of the meeting since this will be a lengthy discussion. It was state that we have a grade of a five and no surrounding communities have a grade of 4 or better.

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### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. Capital Improvement Project (FY 2018) With Stormwater Implications**

##### **Harvey Drive**

Mr. Kelly reported that the roadway improvements on Harvey Drive are substantially completed. In the spring miscellaneous items will be checked and any remaining punchlist items completed, due to the inability to verify/complete them with the current weather.

##### **Streambank Stabilization**

Engineering Resources, Inc. was awarded the contract for a conceptual design of the stream bank stabilization project. They are working on that conceptual design currently and it will be placed within the Capital Improvement Plan for discussion upon completion. The Commission requested a presentation of the recommended improvement design so they can see the plans prior to the Council's approval.

#### **B. Detention Pond Summary**

Mr. Kelly's report indicated that three basins were cleaned; no blockages were noted in City maintained basins; Community Development will notify owners of two other privately maintained basins regarding cleaning and blockage.

The debris on the Devon Bridge has now been removed by the County since it was in there jurisdiction. Ms. Bedard commended the work of the County and stated that it is

wonderful that the City was able to contact them and get debris cleaned out naming it a banner day.

**C. Stream Maintenance Update**

Mr. Kelly explained the policies of the County regarding stream maintenance stating that their participation is minimal at this time except for situations regarding emergencies. They may enlarge their role in the future; however, he explained that funding at any level of a maintenance program is key to the County's participation.

**D. DuPage County Stormwater Updates**

The County has completed the update to the 2012-2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan instituting two updates, which removed two completed action items from the plan.

**E. FEMA Map Update**

Per Mr. Kelly, the updated maps are targeted to become effective in June of 2019; however, the timeline is up to ISWS and FEMA. He doesn't anticipate changes but the map will remain in draft form till final approval is given by FEMA.

**F. CRS Rating**

The Stormwater Commission has expressed its interest in improving and maintaining a lower CRS Rating for some time to reduce costs for flood insurance in the community.

The Stormwater Commission had a discussion to determine whether we could adopt the Counties masterplan as Wood Dale's plan. Sean Kelly explained that the Counties plan does not meet all of the requirements for the CRS Rating, as the County plan is focused on water quality. The City of Wood Dale needs a more complex plan that includes a Hydraulic Modeling Study.

Ms. Bedard asked if the CRS Rating covers just Salt Creek or the whole City of Wood Dale and Sean Kelly explained that it covers the City as a whole, so the sole focus is not Salt Creek even though it is the key to most of Wood Dale's flooding issues.

The committee discussed the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System "A Local Officials Guide to Saving Lives, Preventing Property Damage and Reducing the Cost of Flood Insurance" and reviewed how points are accrued to establish the CRS rating, and discussed what lowering the CRS rating can do for the community.

Material provided in the November 2017 Stormwater Commissioner packet regarding the DuPage County's Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP) indicated that the CRS paperwork from the City was from 2015, as the 2016 annual survey was not returned. However it was determined that the City has a staff representative that attends all of the county meetings and the City provided verbal comments to the County, thinking that they sufficed, rather than submitting NHMP annual survey. The City is up-to-date with the CRS program and is currently undertaking the re-verification for 2018. The City

will however have to re-certify for the CRS program in the future (anticipated within next 2-5 years), which will be a more thorough process to redetermine the rating using the 2017 CRS Manual. Council Liaison Alderman Eugene Wesley noted that this would provide the City several years to accumulate the money needed to improve the rating via the implementation of a Watershed Management Plan.

The Stormwater Commission asked for input from Sean Kelly as to whether it made sense to proceed prepare a Watershed Management Plan and lower the CRS rating. He stated that while CRS rating is important, the City is already taking more effective steps to prevent flooding by using limited funds to address City-wide flooding issues and also buying homes in cooperative programs to create more open space. This is a huge help to the community in reducing flooding and can be done with current programs and regulations without the potential impact of additional requirements that a Watershed Management plan might necessitate, which might be best use of City dollars. The final decision on such matters would be up to the committee and ultimately the Board.

On a motion made by Mr.Krych and seconded Pat Pinella, the Stormwater Commission made a motion to create the Masterplan for the CRS Rating Upgrade to move the CRS rating from a 5 to 4 or 3 and request that the City Council put aside \$50,000 per year to pay for the study and maintenance required, which will reduce flood insurance costs 5-10% for residents and businesses.

#### **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Flood Survey Forms
- SMC Assistance During/After a Flood
- Upcoming Newsletter Articles
  1. Noah Line
  2. Flooding
  3. Reverse 911
- Permeable Concrete Parking Lot In Industrial Park
- Continued discussion of the City's Stormwater Management Detention Requirements

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.  
The next meeting will take place on March 21, 2018.

*Minutes taken by Amanda Melone*