

**STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**February 14, 2007**

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on February 14, 2007, at North Royalton City Hall 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Chair Larry Antoskiewicz, Vince Gentile, Lisa Uffman-Kirsch; Bob Stefanik, Denise Bobulsky, Don Willey, Engineer Clark Merdes; Fred Schriever, Ray Stutzman.

Amendments to the January 10, 2007, minutes were made as follows:

**RESIDENT DISCUSSION**

- ...“The State Road issue is on the ~~new residents Oversight Committee~~. *list of new projects given to the Mayor.*”

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Item 4 Flood areas not affected by the Turnpike and not covered under any other report.  
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...“The area south of the Turnpike and east of Bennett Road is the area being discussed *for the basin. The Metroparks and Turnpike are both willing to cooperate and further discuss this issue. There needs to be one more meeting with them before we schedule a meeting with the residents. We hope to have a residents meeting in February.*”

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch to approve minutes from January 10, 2007, as amended. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

**RESIDENT DISCUSSION**

Resident Ray Stutzman believes that changes allowed to be made at his neighbor's property two houses down will affect the storm water coming onto his property, possibly backing up into his basement. His neighbor was allowed to put a cap on his pipe and block his two clean-outs with a big rock on each even though grates were recommended. (See attached.) There is also a private storm sewer that is root-clogged and runs from Mr. Stutzman's property to a creek that is approximately 400 ft. down stream. (See attached.) The Mayor said that without all the information and checking with Mr. Ramm, we are not prepared to address Mr. Stutzman's concern. The Mayor would like Mr. Stutzman to contact her office and she will look at it.

Resident Fred Schriever lives across the street from the detention pond and headwall in Foxwood Estates. He said that the water undermines the earth and submarines under the spillway and pushed out a lot of dirt. The homeowners are responsible for cleaning out the detention pond but there are wetlands in the middle which cannot be touched. He is frustrated that the city does not take more responsibility for storm water rather than putting it on the residents. He is concerned that continued development will lead to more problems. He also stated that he has to rely on his neighbor to keep the culvert on his property clean or he will flood. The Mayor said that we have so many creeks and watersheds and that is why we have a storm water issue. We oversee storm water management and expect our residents to maintain their property. Council has passed some of the most stringent codes for storm water in the area.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****1. Phase II storm water regulation (Public Involvement Public Education Committee—PIPE)**

The Mayor indicated that she met with Soil and Water and discussed their service and requirements. They can handle the services required to maintain compliance with our storm water permit for the same amount of money and negate our need for the PIPE Committee. The PIPE Committee will no longer be sponsored by the city.

**2. North Royalton FEMA mitigation**

The appraisals are in the process right now.

**3. Storm water retention basin report**

The inspections have started for this year and letters will go out as inspections are completed. The Mayor is still looking into legislation for every other year inspections.

**4. Flood areas not affected by the Turnpike and not covered under any other report.**

Mr. Merdes said there is nothing new to report on the current areas being addressed. Mr. Willey said that the area from Albion Road to Wallings Road along Ridge Road down to York Road and the developments in between should be studied for storm and sanitary backup.

**5. Bunker/Dublin area flooding**

Mr. Merdes is moving on getting direct contractor prices on three projects: Bunker-Dublin, Goodman Drive culvert headwall and a pair of catch basins on Huntington Close.

**6. Turnpike study**

The next meeting will be with the Metroparks then there will be a follow-up with the Turnpike or the residents.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. Phase 2 storm water permit requirements**

No action

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.