

**STORM WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**September 10, 2008**

The Storm Water Committee meeting was held on September 10, 2008, at North Royalton City Hall 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Committee: Chair Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell, Vince Gentile; Council: Dan Kasaris, Don Willey, Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Wastewater Superintendent Tim Tigie, Other Attendees: Don Harris, Pat Harris, Jim Polacek, Laura Polacek, Ivan Hack.

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **approve the minutes of July 9, 2008**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0.  
**Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Storm Water Retention Basin Report**

Mr. Antoskiewicz asked that this subject be tied in with *Retention basin inspection ordinance* which is currently under New Business.

Mr. Schmitzer said he is comfortable with inspecting the basins every three years, however, some high priority basins or those that have been problematic in the past will be inspected every year.

Ivan Hack, a North Royalton resident, said that the EPA requires that a form be filled out if you change inspection timeframes. Mr. Schmitzer is not aware of this form but will look into it.

**2. Citizens Flooding Committee Report Addendum**

No report.

**3. Turnpike Run-Off Study**

Mayor Stefanik said he spoke with the Turnpike Commission Director. Mr. Schmitzer said that he is getting costs together to do certain components so that we can get the study done and come up with a plan. He is also looking at funding. The Turnpike Commission and Metroparks are willing to help with cost. Time frame is estimated at 30-60 days to get the study completed then depending on the results of that study, it could be another 30-60 days before a solid plan is in place.

**4. 2008 Projects**

Mr. Schmitzer said that there are five major stormwater projects underway. Two are currently under construction. Gregory Lane drainage improvements are approximately 80 percent completed. A contractor is currently working on the east side rear yard ditches. These should be finished by the end of the week. Due to changes on the west side, we are working with the contractor to get revised pricing so the changes can be implemented. The change order is in place. Driveways will be replaced along with seeding and mulching then the project will be completed. Mr. Nickell said he has had questions from residents asking how the driveway portion of this project will be handled. Mr. Schmitzer said that he and the contractor are going to walk the street and mark the nearest control joint beyond where they saw cut then everything will be removed from that point and be replaced. Mr. Gentile asked if that is part of the original price or if this is part of the change order. Mr. Schmitzer said this is part of the original price.

The other project is the Pamela Park project. Mr. Schmitzer said they are pouring the outlet type wall concrete and the pipe is in through the Parkdale cul-de-sac across to Pamela. Mr. Gentile asked if the contractor is on schedule with the underground portion of this project. Mr. Schmitzer said they might be a couple of days behind due to unknown conditions that they have encountered, however, they are making up lost time.

Mr. Nickell asked if the end house on Parkdale will be sloped. Mr. Schmitzer said that house will be sloped on a 2 to 3 to 1 slope to make sure it is in safe condition.

Mr. Schmitzer said that within the next two weeks, they expect the Maple Lane drainage improvement project to begin. This project should take approximately four weeks to complete. The other two projects include the Chesapeake Regional Retention Basin in the Chesapeake Subdivision. This project is completed on paper and is currently being reviewed. A meeting with design consultants will be set to go over comments, then plans will be finalized. After bids are accepted and a bid is awarded, the project will begin. The start date is expected to be sometime this year with the project finishing in Spring 2009. The other project is the Cedar Estates storm sewer replacement, which is the largest of the five projects. This project is currently being looked at with a consultant. After it has been determined which option works best for both the City and the residents, bids will be accepted. A bid will be awarded this year, however, the project will not begin until next year.

**5. Edgerton Road 5244/5250**

Mr. Schmitzer said the preliminary process for this project has begun. We have been working with FEMA to make sure we are following all of their rules and regulations Mr. Schmitzer said we hope to start on this project by the end of the year.

Jim Polacek, an Edgerton Road resident, distributed photos of his backyard which has flooded several times. He said he is concerned because the house three doors down from him, which happens to be for sale, has a culvert pipe under the driveway which has a 100 square foot opening. The culvert pipe on Edgerton Road has a 176 square foot opening. Mr. Polacek believes this is part of the reason he is constantly flooding. He asked if the city has taken any position on this culvert pipe, especially since this property is now up for sale. Mr. Schmitzer said this is the first time he has had an issue with that property. Mr. Schmitzer said that he will look into the problem to see if the city has the power or position to help.

**6. Need for Ditching on State Road from Wallings Road North**

Mayor Stefanik said we are working with those residents who are having flooding issues in their homes, then we will work on those homes where there is flooding on the road.

**7. Rain Barrels**

Mr. Tigie said that he did some research on legislation in other states and other local cities. The only city in the Cuyahoga County area that currently has legislation is South Euclid. Mr. Tigie feels that we need some kind of legislation in place to avoid “mosquito breeders” or improper installation. Mr. Tigie will email the legislation currently in place in South Euclid to committee member for their review. This will remain on the agenda and be reviewed next month.

Mr. Hack informed committee members that there are seminars to learn more about rain barrels and how they are to be used. He will keep the committee members informed of the date of the next seminar.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Retention basin inspection – amend 1481.08**

See Item 1 under Unfinished Business.

**2. The Patrician**

Mr. Nickell is concerned about potential flooding issues in the houses located behind The Patrician. Mr. Gentile suggested that Mr. Nickell provide the Mayor with a Council Action Form on this subject. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.