

**STREET COMMITTEE MEETING
SUGARBUSH MTG
APRIL 30, 2020 7:00 P.M. (VIA ZOOM)**

Present: Mayor, Councilman Porter, Street Commissioner

Visitors: Sugarbush Residents

Mayor opened the meeting and informed the Sugarbush residents that the Village did a similar meeting with the residents from Paw Paw Lake on Tuesday evening. They are interested in the condition of their road and the stormwater they receive from the hill above. He said there is a Council meeting on 5/11/20 where both issues will be discussed, and the Mayor and the Street Committee will follow up with Sugarbush on Thursday, 5/14/20 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Mayor said after the last meeting on February 10th there were action steps that were listed, and it is time to get started on these projects. He said the first one was the easiest one; it was a 6-inch riser to be installed along the south side of Bell Road. The Street Commissioner said they are going to lift the cover off the grate and put in a couple of rows of brick up to the grade of the adjoining culvert. They will go as high as they can to eliminate the steep slope by the ditch. The Mayor said Connie's husband does the mowing and it is too dangerous now so the Street Commissioner will take care of that.

Mayor said the second issue was to go to Madison Village to look at their cemetery. The Mayor said that should wait until people could carpool or do something like that on a Saturday morning. That outing is to see their stream enhancement which is similar to the one the Engineer will be installing in the Manor Brook area. Basically, it is taking a stream, widening it, filling it full of rock channels to slow the water which is going into Manor Brook. Being downstream from it, they will still get some sort of silt during the construction project.

Also listed is to clean their silt pond in 2020 and then come back and clean the silt pond in 2022. The Mayor said the silt that has been gathering there is probably from the 2014 Road Program and things have just accumulated since then. He said like it or not, the Village will do everything it can when the Manor Brook project goes, but it will probably put more silt into the Sugarbush pond. Those are the two things the Village should consider for 2020 and 2022.

Mayor said also listed is the conversation with Fox Run to get a retention pond in there. It is not really a retention pond because those aren't allowed to be put on streams. But it would be an overflow area like the Engineer talked about. When the water got so high, the water would flow in. It would be on the north side of Bell Road near their bridge. Mayor said he explained this from his laymen's point of view, but that is what he has discussed with the Engineer.

A resident questioned the Mayor and asked if the Village needs to meet with Fox Run and asked if that is part of their HOA land. The resident asked if the Village was going to propose that the Village put that in. If it is, he questioned if that is it up to a vote of the residents or what are the mechanics of the Village making that happen are. The Mayor responded that it will probably be trust at the beginning until they see how the Manor Brook project turns out. But that is their property and the Village would have to get their permission to take it and put this on their property. It is something the Village would pay for, but they would be giving up some of their land. Mayor stated the Village has not had any conversation yet.

A resident commented that the Engineer said previously said it would be a new design because of EPA regulations; and it would only help in 10-year floods. The resident said it may be more effective to put baffles in the stream coming through Fox Run; that would be a better solution. The Mayor said this would be basically a combination, getting the water and slowing it down. Mayor said he won't talk for the Engineer on that. Mayor stated he thinks the easiest thing is going to be having everybody at the table to talk sometime in July. He said Fox Run is rightly concerned with what is going to happen to them with the Manor Brook project which is just north of them.

The Mayor said he and the Street Commissioner are going to take another look at the Gurney property. He said he went to their neighborhood the other day and stood there and when you drive by in a car Gurney looks flat but when you stand there, Gurney goes up. He sees where it is all concrete and asphalt. He does not know if there is anything to do to catch the Gurney water, but he and the Street Commissioner will take a look.

Resident said if they look at the elevation maps at the County, it could be helpful for them. The whole Gurney property does not drain into the stream; it is approximately 20-30% of that property. With the recent project it has created more impervious surface. What has happened is the draining impact to Sugarbush has increased as a result of that. Resident stated any result that takes square footage of surface area away from draining into the lake is going to be beneficial. The resident said as mentioned in the presentation to Council that he is estimating that 25% square footage of the Village drains through somehow into the Sugarbush lake. The resident said it is valuable to the Village for the lake to be there. Otherwise it will just push the problem downstream.

Mayor asked about March 28th and 29th when it rained heavily. He said there were 41 people with water issues, but he did not hear from anybody in Sugarbush. Giovana, 37 Sugarbush, stated she is the highest house on the street and her basement flooded; she had 6 inches of water. It was bubbling up through the drain so somehow the drains would not work.

Another resident said the community members are not chronic complainers and they tend to take care of the issues when they arise. Another resident said his property is one of the lower properties on the street and he did not have a problem with water during those storms.

Resident "Chris", (29 Sugarbush Lane), said it is a continual problem for her as well. She said the water was coming up through the drain. She had water on the 28th and 29th of March. She got the water out with a pump on the outside of the house. She said the culvert under Bell Road

was completely full all the way to the top of the culvert. There was no visual sign of the neighbor's driveway at the end of the street. She clarified that it was more than the culvert, it was over the street itself and about one-third the way up her neighbor's yard.

Resident clarified that what is occurring is that when the culvert under Bell Road gets full to the top, it comes through to the first house to the east on Sugarbush. That front yard fills because it cannot get into the lake fast enough through their culvert and it expands down the street in a lake or pond format. It goes up and over Sugarbush Lane because the culvert doesn't allow for that much water to flow through fast enough. He stated that has deteriorated the brick wall that is around the culvert that goes under Sugarbush and that has collapsed the wall in certain spots on both sides.

Resident said with the water coming through so fast, her pipes can't drain, so her yard drainage can't drain. Because there is high flowing water blocking the pipes for her drains, she gets backup in her stairwells and her basement.

Resident wanted it on the record that a culvert being compromised with water filling to the top, was not just an occurrence in the March storm, it is something that has happened on several occasions.

Resident said it was overflowing the banks and then by the time it receded you could see that it took a lot more of the bank out also. Mayor said they are getting too much water that the neighborhood cannot control, and then the water is now destroying the culvert on the west side of the road. Residents agreed.

Mayor said it is tricky being a private area; he does not know what the Village can do.

Resident said she wanted to make it clear that with the culvert being really full and then water rushing, it is blocking the rest of the drainage on the street which then backs up. If that weren't rushing so much, the drains could do their proper job and drain into the stream and then they wouldn't flood.

Resident said the comment about being on private property is a muted point because the Village has the HOA willing and able to provide whatever means legally for that to take place. He said he wanted to take that roadblock away. In looking at solutions, the solution of getting rid of some of that silt will allow better flow. Doing that sooner rather than later, and then addressing the culvert issues would be great.

Resident "Kyle" asked how the HOA can assist the Village. If it is just simply allowing the Village to come into the park to clean that out – they are ready and willing to do that and make that happen. They would like it back to how it was prior to some of the projects in the Village, and they would like an open line of communication. He said the residents understand there is going to be construction upstream and that is part of it all. They would like an open line of communication and an understanding of what the plan for mitigation will be and if that includes something in their silt pond. Whatever it is, he said everyone is ready and willing to assist in the mitigation process and then the removal process afterwards. He stated that is the ongoing long-term discussion. The short-term discussion is man hours and machinery just to get it out of

there. There is some space in the park to put some of the silt and some may be hauled away. They can get into the specifics of it later. They are not asking the Village for \$1.2 million. They are not asking for their road to be redone. There is really not that much water to be taken out and the water can be easily taken out of the other side of the dam. If the lake came down about 2-3 feet, about a third of the lake bottom would then be exposed, that is what is filled with silt. He is not talking about an overly labor-intensive process to get it out. They are focused on 2020. They have lived with it for quite a while and appreciate the open discussion and moving the process along. He stated that the first and foremost objective is to understand the Village's plan to tackle the issue and then it sounds like there would be an open line of communication on those projects going forward.

The Mayor explained the next step for the Village Council would be at the Council meeting on Monday, May 11th and then on May 14th he felt he should be able to meet with Sugarbush HOA and say what Council wants to do.

Resident asked how the specific message is being delivered to Council of exactly what needs to be done so there is an understanding. He said if he were on Council, he is certain he would want to know what the financial ask or specific number is. He said Sugarbush is now asking for the task to be completed and he imagines for Council that is a little more of a vague request. But if there is a specific dollar amount, or specific ask, it would allow them to react to it and understand the details. He wanted to know how Sugarbush's request is being conveyed to Council. He asked if it would be helpful for Sugarbush to provide something in writing summarizing at least the task they are requesting to be completed at this stage.

Another resident stated that in any project there needs to be scope of work and that determines what the expectations are on both the Village and the HOA. He asked the Mayor how he saw that scope of work being constructed.

Mayor replied that he would see a presentation on May 11th from the Engineer and possibly in cooperation with the Street Committee, (two members of Council), saying "this is what we are looking for with this particular situation in Sugarbush." Then there would be a vote to say the Village is going to go ahead, or we are going to do further studies, or we are not going to go ahead. He said maybe Council will say they want further studies or ask if this will really solve the problem or how much is it going to cost. Mayor said they can probably have all that to Council on May 11th so they know what they are facing. He said this is a big step for the Village to go into projects like this. The Village is used to taking care of its streets, but coming into an HOA would be a big step for the Village.

Resident asked what was the process of making sure the Engineer understands exactly what the scope is that they are talking about.

Mayor said the Engineer knows exactly what needs to be done; this has been talked about. He said he will be able to come to the Village and say what it is going to take to solve the problem.

Resident asked what the Engineer's position on it is to date. Mayor said he did not want to speak for the Engineer, but basically said it should be a simple job if Council approves to go in and

clean out that silt pond. That would involve the Village employees and what the Street Commissioner decides to do or how the Village wants to go about it. The Mayor said it shouldn't take that long to figure out what it takes to clean out a silt pond.

Resident said it is not just the silt pond, it is all the silt extending out into the lake as well.

Another resident said the silt pond is standard.

Mayor said between the Street Commissioner, himself and the Engineer, they should be able to get out there next week and take another look, so they know exactly what they are talking about. They will bring it to Council on May 11th. He invited the residents to attend the Council meeting if they like.

Resident asked if the Paw Paw issue is going to be discussed at the May 11th Council meeting as well. Mayor replied that he thought Council would talk about both issues to see how Council wants to proceed.

Resident asked if Council sees the two issues tied together. He said he saw the Sugarbush issue more a result of some specific events that took place compared to roads deteriorating over 25-30 years.

Mayor responded that the two are related only as being roads and HOAs; the scopes are completely different.

Resident asked how they can attend the 5/11/20 Council meeting. Mayor explained it would be a Zoom Council meeting and they could speak under the visitors' section, and he would mute visitors after that. Mayor informed them access to the Council meeting is the same information that participants used for this meeting.

Mayor said the Village has had great success with the Chagrin Valley Times over the years. He said Collin Cunningham, who was in this meeting since 7:00 p.m., may be contacting some of the participants of this meeting to get their comments.

The meeting was concluded at 7:34 p.m.



Mark Porter, Chairman

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