

Special Public Utilities Committee Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Village Hall

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Council Member Berger, Mayor Koons, Street Commissioner Alder, Solicitor Matheney, Engineer Haibach

Porter called the meeting to order.

The Engineer provided an update for the Central Retention Basin project and the Manor Brook 319 project. Both projects are substantially complete. The seeding and stabilization were completed by the contractor for the Central Retention Basin project earlier in the week. Regarding the Manor Brook 319 project, Council and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) issued a contract extension due to the suitability for the planting material. The plants needed to be dormant before pulling them out of the ground and replanting them. Mr. Excavator is on track to have the project stabilized, planted, and finalized on or near December 7, 2022.

Porter discussed the ultimate purpose of the Central Retention Basin with regard to the flow of stormwater. The Engineer explained that the basin creates an area of relief whereby if the flow rate exceeds what a 15-inch culvert can handle, then it backs up into that area. As the incoming flow dies down and as capacity allows, then it will drain back out. The Engineer added that water comes not only from Bullfrog Pond but also from the southeast corner as overland flow. There are two points of entry for the basin and one exit.

Regarding replacement of the culverts, the Engineer said the culvert replacements should be advertised for bid this month and contract awarded in November. Approval would take place at the second Council meeting in November. Work could begin as early as December, depending on the contractor. The completion date is spring of 2023. Porter asked if the Police Chief was aware of traffic issues which could arise from the culvert replacement and thought the Streets Department would also be heavily involved in traffic control. The Street Commissioner clarified that this is usually done by the contractor. The Engineer added that the State has also been notified since it is a state route. The Mayor thought special coordination with the lights would be needed. The Solicitor asked if the road would be reduced to one lane, and the Engineer said yes and that the culverts would be replaced half at a time.

Porter asked about the impact with the new traffic light, and the Engineer said it should not. Porter asked when the Traffic Signal Project would be occurring, and the Engineer said he did not know and that the contract was just awarded to Perram Electric on Monday, October 10th. He needs to set up a preconstruction meeting. Porter asked if it would be complete before the culvert replacements, and the Engineer said no that the culverts would be completed first. However, he thought that the contractor for the Traffic Signal would start first for the underground and foundation work, but the poles and mast arms typically have a long lead time. During this wait, he envisioned the Bell and Chillicothe Roads culvert being installed. The Street Commissioner suggested letting the contractor know that the Village will be doing the excavation if they wanted to put in a conduit. The Engineer would let them know at the preconstruction meeting. The Traffic Signal was just awarded to Perram and the Village has yet to advertise the contract for the culvert, but he could rough out some estimated times and discuss the culvert replacement after preconstruction with Perram. The Street Commissioner asked if the culverts

were one project, and the Engineer said yes, and that a portion would be funded through Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) and the rest would not.

The Mayor asked if there would be three posts for the traffic signal at the intersection, and the Engineer concurred. The Mayor had not seen any bids for doing Chillicothe Rd. The Engineer said it was on the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Improvement Plan to pave Chillicothe Rd., which would probably happen in late 2023 or 2024. If it were to occur in 2023, the culverts would be installed ahead of the pavement. Regarding the Traffic Signal, there should be no need to open cut anything on the road. The signal work could be done independently of the paving.

Porter addressed the Erosion Special Improvement District (ESID) for Parkland Dam and Country Estates. Berger stated that Country Estates and Parkland have the petitions. The Solicitor stated that Marc Bloch reached out to her and is now in contact with Kevin Butler of McDonald Hopkins. The next step is for them to submit it to the Village and then the Village forms it and sends it on to the county. Kevin Butler and Mike Wise have the template resolution or ordinance that the Village passes to then get it to the county ESID board. Porter asked who was on the ESID board, and the Solicitor reminded the committee that it was the Chair of the Public Utilities Committee, but they should find out who else is on it. The Mayor suggested keeping Porter as the representative. Normally, it should be the head of Public Utilities, but he thought Porter should follow the situation through. Porter said that if the Chair wanted to delegate it to the other member of the committee, he thought he could do that. Porter expressed concern that the residents of Country Estates and Parkland would complete the petitions and the Village would do the legislation and then there would be no one answering the phone at the county. Then the residents would be asking about the status and not have a contact with the Village who knows the status. The Solicitor explained that Butler and Wise represent the county ESID as well as the Village so it is being funneled through the same counsel. She assumed that the County Auditor would be very responsive. Porter reiterated his concern about the need for continuity and said he did not want the residents to wait months and months with nothing happening. Berger said that Parkland had done a lot of investigation and were further along in the process. Country Estates have had preliminary conversations with several of the residents but not all and have work to do, including determining the scope of the project. The Mayor added that Country Estates will have some political issues because half the neighborhood will think it is not their problem because it is the people on the east side who have the three lakes. The Mayor got this impression from Tom Fowler that it would take time to get the community organized. The committee speculated about the scope of the project, and Berger explained that there was more to it involving drainage into the park off Music Street which backs up into Country Estates. There will be a need to coordinate between the park system and Country Estates. The Engineer said the ESID was the perfect mechanism for that. Berger stated that the number one purpose is dredging the pond. Berger informed Fowler that before he pulled the trigger with the contractor to start dredging, he should contact the Village to determine whether it was a Village project, ESID, etc.

The impact of the Central Retention Basin and replacement of culverts on the Parkland Lake Dam was discussed.

Porter addressed Fox Run in terms of the individual who wanted to dig a hole and walk away with 8,000 cubic yards of dirt and is looking for a place in South Russell to do it. The Mayor said the individual bid on a project but does not know if he got it. This would be why he would need 8,000 yards of dirt and

proposed digging the Village a 10-foot pond. The Mayor steered him to Paw Paw Lake because they are going to clean their silt pond. Cavanagh will speak to him about taking their silt. Porter asked if the Public Utilities Committee should contact Fox Run Homeowners' Association (HOA) to determine their interest as they have expressed before in having a detention pond where the bridge and gazebo are. The Engineer recalled that previous discussions with one or two Fox Run residents about constructing a retention pond on the property adjacent to Gurney School seemed promising, but once it involved the HOA, it seemed that they did not want it. He would not hold out hope that the Village would get a glowing reception. Berger said that when the issue was previously addressed, there was a question of whether it would be an easement or acquisition of property. The Engineer said it would be an easement. The Mayor stated that they needed the greenspace to have the minimum lot size. Berger asked if it would be a dry basin, and the Engineer said it could be either. Berger asked who would have responsibility for maintenance, and the Engineer said it would be the Village if the Village builds it. This would mean mowing and checking the outlet structure, which becomes an additional cost.

The Mayor went to their HOA meeting last year. The only negative comment he got was about tree cutting from someone who lives next to what he hopes will be Manor Brook Phase II. No one was saying they wanted to get rid of the land. The bridge is a safety hazard because of erosion. Porter asked if the Village needed Fox Run for a detention pond considering the Manor Brook project and the potential of Manor Brook Phase II. The Engineer said it would help Sugar Bush and said there could never be too much stormwater retention capacity. The Street Commissioner asked if there were a retention plan for Manor Brook Phase II specifically concerning Ralph Richards' property. The Engineer explained that with the culvert replacement near this property, the water will discharge into the floodplain area excavated for Phase I. Porter asked what the size of the Fox Run retention pond would be, and the Engineer said as big as the Village could get. It would not be very big because there is not a lot of land there. It may not be worth the money or hassle. The Engineer did not think it was prudent to explore this with no path forward, but Porter stated that digging and hauling away was the biggest expense and there is someone who wants to do it for no charge. Porter thought, however, that Manor Brook Phase II should go in before doing anything with Fox Run. The Engineer said that this would be the logical progression.

Porter said he would reach out to Chris Smith, Fox Run HOA President to see if there is interest. Berger asked for an estimate of the Village's cost to finish a project after the excavator digs the hole. The Engineer thought \$20,000. Berger thought it would be worth talking to the HOA. The Mayor thought this would be tough logistically. The committee discussed the duration of the project and the benefit to Fox Run. The Engineer did not think Fox Run would benefit much, but everyone downstream would.

Porter adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.