

## Public Utilities Committee Minutes for 3 February 2023

Attending:

Mark Porter (MP)  
Chris Berger (CB) - Chair  
Eric Hailbach (EH)  
Tim Alder (TA)

Meeting called to order at 9:02AM by CB. The meeting was held in person at The Village Hall.

1. Again, a joint discussion reviewing the Tuesday night, January 17, 2023 Special Council Meeting concerning Storm Water ensued.
2. CB raised the issue of the Culvert Pipes for Chillicothe. EH and TA reported that the bids would go out by February 8<sup>th</sup>. Chagrin Paving will do the road work for the County and might be interested in doing the Culvert replacements in conjunction.
3. The Solicitor had sent an email looking for a clear explanation of the placement of trees in the Manor Brook 319 grant area that will be done in the Spring of 2023. MR, TA, and EH reviewed. EH to email the Solicitor with corrected sketches.
4. CB asked TA about the installation of flow limiters under Manor Brook Drive. TA and EH agreed that installation will be deferred until the new stream is tested by flooding to determine need.
5. MP noted that Manor Brook II phase should remain on the plan. Manorbrook Gardens will be contacted in the Spring to discuss their position.
6. Fox Run – EH explained with TA concurrence that the stormwater solution for FR at the North end is a combination of the Manorbrook 319 Phase I project and, if necessary, Phase II. A retention pond, at the southwest corner of their green space, may be beneficial downstream. MP to talk with the FR HOA president to determine interest and forward plan.
7. Southwyck – EH explained may benefit from a FR retention pond. Until we see what effect Manorbrook has on the system, we should defer discussion of an additional retention pond on the creek north of Bell Road that flows into Southwyck Lake?
8. Anglers' Drive – TA and EH reported that the project was complete between ponds 2 and 3. Home owner reluctance has deferred any action north of pond 3.
9. Madroo Park - MP and CB agreed that the village will work with the Geauga Park District to help Country Estates HOA with the water issues with the HOA swim lake. TA stated it may be as simple as a dredging project at Madroo Park to allow the water to flow north. TA to find a contact name from the County.
10. Country Estates – until resident(s) advise the committee that a further issue exists, PUC will stand down on this issue – CB and MP.
11. Silt remediation – Committee discussed as a Village issue. MP suggested a formula (modified by CB) that categorized all ponds and retention basins in the Village by

1. Whether a retention pond or a non-retention pond (always filled).
2. Should the pond fail, the severity of the impact to the Village Residents.
3. The need for action based upon a measurement of silt build up and other factors as to be determined by EH.

Once a formula is established, then the Committee can determine what ponds require what response. MP suggested that after receiving the list, the Committee could work on a contributory funding plan to assist homeowners and HOA's in addressing these issues.

12. Wet, swampy areas - TA advised that drainage ditches at Forest/Woodside need to be addressed as water is impacting adjacent public roadways. MP offered a share plan with residents of 50/50 on the costs of clearing the ditches. TA to get a quote for the work. MP emphasized that Village contributions to private land projects (like the Life Center drainage pipe) can only be done where there is impact to the public: in this case, roads.
13. Septic systems – CB reported that Councilman Canton and the Building Committee were already addressing the issue regarding Paw Paw Lake. PUC will await the Bldg Dept. findings.
14. Well water testing – Mayor asked for a recommendation to do water quality measured throughout the village. CB suggested Glenn Elliott and contacted who is willing to help. EH and TA concurred. Mayor to contact GE to determine scope and cost.
15. Central Retention – EH suggest we wait on any additional landscaping around the basin. EH also suggested that if an adjacent resident wished to install a drainage ditch on their property, the Village should allow that to connect to the retention basin, if appropriate. MP suggested that if the drainage ditch is a “connector” between Kensington Green and the RB, then the Village may want to partner on a 50/50 basis with the resident to complete this project. Committee to present to Council.
16. ESID – Applications have been approved by Council and forwarded to the County. MP to call the Auditor to find out step next.
17. Park – Both EH and TA suggested that a French drain be installed at the Park and NOT a bio-swale – need to move water away from the area in the northeast area of the park just north of the restroom avoiding a standing water problem. The Committee to recommend to Council.
18. Quick discussion of the Energy usage costs that were provided by the Fiscal Officer. MP had previously raised the idea of a solar panel project to reduce the Village's carbon footprint. EH suggested the possibility of a solar array over the Central Basin. CB noted that the costs needed to demonstrate a reasonable payback. EH to investigate grant opportunities.

MP moved to adjourn at 10:33AM. CB concurred.

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Christopher J. Berger, Public Utilities Committee Chair