

# Public Utilities Committee Minutes for 24 March 2023

Attending:

Mark Porter (MP)  
Chris Berger (CB) - Chair  
Tim Alder (TA)  
Mayor Koons (WK)

Meeting called to order at 8:03AM by CB. The meeting was held in person at The Village Hall.

1. Flag pole at South Park. WK to confer with Masons. No pole at South Park. Plaque suggested for North Park.
2. The Culvert Pipes for Chillicothe. WK and TA reported that bids were received and awarded. Work to start in May (?).
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. TA confirmed completion.
4. CB asked TA about the installation of flow limiters under Manor Brook Drive. TA confirmed 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 - MP talked with the FR HOA president. Could be interested but will require 2/3 vote of HOA to approve retention basin. Continue to discuss as relates to budget concerns.
7. Anglers' Drive – TA reported that he and EH will meet with the homeowners and Geauga Park District to review the North end of the stream and Madroo Park.
8. Country Estates – until resident(s) advise the committee that a further issue exists, PUC will stand down on this issue – CB and MP. WK to contact Geauga Soil and Water.
9. EH to provide - 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.
12. Well water testing – Mayor recommended to do water quality measured throughout the village. CB asked if this was well water, house water, or retained water. WK said all of the above. CB suggested we created a plan with a set of defined goals. WK to talk with Glenn Elliott and TA.
13. Central Retention – WK to talk with resident Greenleaf.
14. ESID – Applications have been approved by Council and forwarded to the County. MP to call the Auditor to find out step next.
15. 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. TA suggested a budget of \$2500.
16. 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 9:02AM. CB concurred.

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Christopher J. Berger, Public Utilities Committee Chair