

Public Utilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

1 December 2023

Attendees:

Mark Porter (MP)
Chris Berger (CB)
Eric Haibach (EH)
Tim Alder (TA)
Mayor Koons (WK)

Called to order at 9:03AM

1. Solar Panel Project – No new information. MP and WK to follow up with potential vendors/consultants.
2. Discussion of Easements for Ponds in the Village – MP and CB agreed to contact pond owners to discuss the easements in Spring 2024 to gauge interest. 500 Manor Brook easements to be discussed at the same time.
3. CB raised the issue of Manor Brook phase II. MP suggested contacting Manor Brook Gardens in Summer 2024. WK suggested waiting until 2025. CB asked about a float control for the Manor Brook under Manor Brook Drive. EH and TA reported that they did not feel it necessary and wanted to take a wait and see approach.
4. Chillicothe Rd Ditch Program - EH reported that the survey of the properties will be done by 12/31/23. Work can still get done in 2023.
5. Salt Dome – EH reported that repair options were not viable. Will get drawings and estimates for a joint Streets-Finance Meeting for 1/19/24 @ 7:30AM.
Can we have consultants join this meeting by Zoom? Question for the Solicitor.
6. Power for Future Ohio – WK reported a small energy group working to save costs for residents. Will report more in January/
7. TA reported that 5141 Chillicothe resident requested a grate to cover the culvert pipe crossing Chillicothe. TA and WK reported that the grate was not necessary and could cause an impediment to water flow.

Council Actions Needed –

Schedule a joint meeting between Streets and Finance for January 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42AM.

Next meeting is 1/15/24 at 9:00AM

Submitted by Christopher J. Berger, Chair

Public Utilities Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

3 November 2023

Attendees:

Mark Porter (MP)
Chris Berger (CB)
Eric Haibach (EH)
Tim Alder (TA)

Guests

D. Wise
Michael Wise, McDonald-Hopkins

Called to order at 9:00AM

1. Solar Panel Project – Mike Wise presented a cost analysis for the Village Campus. The payback was about 11 years as under current usage. CB raised the issue of charging EV police and village vehicles which would increase usage substantially and provide a better solar use analysis than current. MW went through the analysis including advantages under the Inflation Reduction Act, Third Party Management options, and recognition that not all costs are eliminated under a solar program. MW to forward his powerpoint presentation to share.
2. TA confirmed roofing project for the Streets Building in conjunction with a solar project at \$26K.
3. Discussion of Easements for Ponds in the Village – BM explained concerns at the Special PUC meeting 10/23/23 that the Easements as drafted were too vague and left open possibilities for unintended actions on resident's property. MP concurred. BM suggested that surveys of the properties be done to restrict Village access to only the pond and areas where stormwater issues may arise. BM advised CB that she would investigate with the County the requirements for the easements and report back.
MP and EH reported that the survey cost for the easement for the Manor Brook 319 Grant was \$15-16K. EH concurred. Before we agree to start doing pond surveys, we need to have a better handle

on the need and the cost. PUC agreed to wait for a report from the Solicitor.

4. Chillicothe Rd Ditch Program - EH reported that the survey of the properties needed to be done. TA reported that brush and plantings would need to be removed. A survey will tell us where and how much. EH to advise costs. TA has an approved quote from the contractor. Work can still get done in 2023.

Council Actions Needed —

Meeting adjourned at 10:05AM.

Next meeting is 12/1/23 at 9:00AM

Submitted by Christopher J. Berger, Chair

Public Utilities Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

23 October 2023

Attendees:

Mayor Koons (WK)

Mark Porter (MP)

Chris Berger (CB)

Bridey Matheny (BM)

Called to order at 6:08PM

1. Discussion of Easements for Ponds in the Village – BM explained concerns that the Easements as drafted were too vague and left open possibilities for unintended actions on resident's property. MP concurred. BM suggested that surveys of the properties be done to restrict Village access to only the pond and areas where stormwater issues may arise.
2. PUC decided to consult with EH, the Engineer, to find out costs of surveying the property.
3. PUC decided to take the same approach with 500 Manor Brook.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38PM.

Next meeting is 11/3/23 at 9:00AM

Submitted by Christopher J. Berger, Chair

Public Utilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

13 October 2023

Attendees:

Mayor Koons (WK)

Mark Porter (MP)

Tim Alder (TA)

Chris Berger (CB)

Eric Haibach (EH)

Called to order at 9:00AM

1. Solar Panel Project – WK reported no news for Yellow Lite. EH contacted associate, Tim Landon, that is working for Chagrin Falls. To contact Yellow Lite to get quote. MP reported a new quote is coming for Campus wide. Vendor to attend Nov. 3 meeting.
2. TA reported that the Street Building needs to be re-roofed prior to any consideration of Solar. 3 quotes received with lowest at \$26K.
3. Paw Paw Lake Silt Pond – No further communication.
4. BM prepared 11 easement agreements for pond issues. EH to confer with Solicitor regarding legal description. To discuss at October 23rd special meeting. CB to email Solicitor to advise easements concerns.
5. BM prepared draft easements for 500 Manor Brook issue. To discuss further at October 23rd special meeting.e issue. Need to identify who is responsible for what parts of the issue.
6. Country Estates – TA to reach out again to HOA and residents regarding pond #3. Dredging still needs to be done at pond#4. Village needs assistance from Geauga Park. WK to reach out.
7. GH reported that the rain of 7/25 flooded backyards along Chillicothe. The problem is that a drainage ditch from Bel Meadow running west towards Chillicothe was cleared. However, a ditch running approx. 600 ft north behind the properties on Chillicothe was not cleared of debris and water backed up over the ditch and flooded backyards. MP agreed that this was a Village issue. TA has an approved quote. EH to survey to direct work to be done.
8. Parkland requested the Village Engineer review their pond situation. PUC agreed that the Village would not get involved.

Council Actions Needed –

1. ESID legislation for Manor Brook Gardens needs Council approval.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08AM.

Next meeting is 11/3/23 at 9:00AM

Submitted by Christopher J. Berger, Chair

Public Utilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

18 September 2023

Attendees:

Mayor Koons (WK)
Mark Porter (MP)
Tim Alder (TA)
Chris Berger (CB)
Bridey Matheney (BM)
Jerry Canton (GC)

Visitor:

Greg Heilman (GH)

Called to order at 9:00AM

1. Solar Panel Project – WK reported that Kokosing quoted for the Police Department only. \$1836 savings per year and \$33476 in cost. Approx. 15 year ROI. Still waiting on other quotes.
2. TA reported that the Street Building needs to be re-roofed prior to any consideration of Solar. \$40K quote with 2 more to come.
3. Paw Paw Lake Silt Pond – HOA offered a counter proposal. PUC recommends rejecting the counter. WK to inform PPL and offer ESID alternative. Further discussion at storm water meeting 9/19/23.
4. BM prepared 11 easement agreements for pond issues – template to be provided in Council packet. Easement is for access to assess and monitor. No commitment by Village to act. CB asked for a budget number to propose to Council.
5. BM prepared draft easements for 500 Manor Brook issue. CB explained the connection between homeowner, HOA, and Village. TA noted as Village is affected by storm water that backs up on to Manor Brook, the Village has an interest in resolving the issue. Need to identify who is responsible for what parts of the issue.
6. Country Estates – TA reported he and Dave Hocevar met with homeowners that had water in basements from 7/25 storm. Concluded that stormwater backed up into basements. Only Village solution is to expand drainage system – not practicable. CB

suggested installing flow control valves to prevent backup. TA will advise residents.

7. GH reported that the rain of 7/25 flooded backyards along Chillicothe. The problem is that a drainage ditch from Bel Meadow running west towards Chillicothe was cleared. However, a ditch running approx. 600 ft north behind the properties on Chillicothe was not cleared of debris and water backed up over the ditch and flooded backyards. MP agreed that this was a Village issue and that TA should solicit quotes to have addressed.

Council Actions Needed –

1. Remove meter at SW corner of Bell and Chillicothe. Run wire line at \$4k cost. Expect 3.3 year payback.
2. Recommend moving forward with Pond Easements to assess and monitor. Budget costs at X.
3. Recommend that the Street Commissioner solicit quotes to have the drainage ditch running parallel to the houses on the east side of Chillicothe north of Bell be cleared of debris.
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Meeting adjourned at 10:18AM.

Next meeting is 10/6/23 at 9:00AM

Submitted by Christopher J. Berger, Chair

Public Utilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

04 August 2023

Attendees:

Mayor Koons (WK)

Mark Porter (MP)

Tim Alder (TA)

Chris Berger (CB)

Called to order at 9:00AM

1. Solar Panel Project – WK reported that he had called Athens and was getting information from Kokosing Company. TA advised that the Steets Building should be re-roofed prior to installing solar panels. Needs Council action.
2. Paw Paw Lake Silt Pond – waiting on response from HOA.
3. Culverts – TA stated that an Inlet Control Structure still on order to be installed for the CDB culvert across Rt. 306 consistent with the culvert at Sheerbrook. TA waiting on camera contractor to scope the existing culvert to assess condition.
4. Discussion of flooding in light of 7/24/23 storm. TA reported that all the changes implemented by the Village worked as hoped. Despite that there were still flooding issues in Country Estates, Daisy Lane, Woodside Ct., and Forest Drive. Additional issue at 500 Manor Brook. MP suggested that Village get an agreement with Manorbrook HOA as to who was responsible for what part of the ditch that is causing the problem. TA suggested additional fix issues that the Village could address that would eliminate a potential Village issue for flooding. TA to make a recommendation at the next PUC meeting.
5. No flooding issue was reported at Parkland Dam.
6. TA addressed. Rt. 306 did not flood. First time flooding issue behind Burntwood in the commercial district. WK and MP discussed enlarging stormwater drains. WK to discuss with Chagrin Falls.
7. TA advised that a waterway needed to be cleaned at a cost of \$7K. TA has in his budget but needs Council approval.
8. TA and EH walked 133 Southwyck – backs up to Park with water issues. TA reported no good option to help. CB and MP again

suggested this might be a good ESID project. WK to discuss with the homeowner.

9. Wetlands issue adjacent to CDB. Mayor meeting with CRWP to discuss resolution on August 10th.
10. CB asked for an update on the 105 Spring Drive culvert box. TA advised work was still to be done.
11. WK suggested 9/19/23 for a community stormwater meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23AM.

Next meeting is 9/18/23 at 9:00AM

Submitted by Christopher J. Berger, Chair

Public Utilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

07 July 2023

Attendees:

**Mayor Koons (WK)
Mark Porter (MP)
Eric Haibach (EH)
Tim Alder (TA)
Chris Berger (CB)
Jerry Canton (JC) at 9:40AM**

Jason Chang - guest

Called to order at 9:00AM

1. Solar Panel Project – no new information. WK reported that Kokosing Company was a potential supplier.
2. Paw Paw Lake Silt Pond – waiting on response from HOA.
3. Culverts – EH stated that an Inlet Control Structure still on order to be installed for the CDB culvert across Rt. 306 consistent with the culvert at Sheerbrook. TA explained the culvert issue at 1181 Sheerbrook. Homeowner denied Village request. WK to call 1187 Sheerbrook as they are affected by 1181 decision. EH and TA waiting on camera contractor to scope the existing culvert to assess condition.
4. Pond Schedule – EH reported still working to prioritize an action list.
5. TA and EH reported issue at 1101 Royal Oak is waiting for camera.
6. WK raised the issue of 133 Southwyck – backs up to Park with water issues. EH and TA reported no good option to help. CB suggested this might be a good ESID project. WK to discuss with the homeowner.
7. Country Estates – EH and TA reported nothing more to be done from a Village perspective.
8. Wetlands issue adjacent to CDB. Mayor meeting with CRWP to discuss resolution.
9. MP suggested that the Committee had addressed all the major issues from the 2004 Master Study. Now, the PUC needs to create a maintenance program to maintain.

10. MP suggested the Manor Brook II should be addressed in 2024.
11. MP suggested that a solution for the Wembly/Chagrin Lakes water issue should be addressed in 2024.
12. MP noted that Bell Road East is scheduled to be paved in 2025. EH and TA to review stormwater issues related to that section of road to be addressed prior to paving.
13. Mayor noted that CRWP meeting will happen on 7/12/23 at 2pm.
14. Mayor noted that 105 Spring Drive culvert box needed work to be done by the Village. TA will handle.
15. GC asked if MB phase I and CDB are functioning as planned? EH, TA, and MP all agreed there were no issues.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58AM.

Next meeting is 8/4/23 at 9:00AM

Submitted by Christopher J. Berger, Chair

**PAW PAW LAKE SILT POND MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bell, Canton, Porter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Berger, Galicki

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Administrative Assistant Galicki, Solicitor Matheney

VISITORS: Paw Paw Lake Board: Ruth Cavanagh, Rich Haber, Claire Roush, Robert O'Brien, Terry Mitchell, Joe Pianeki, and Tim Serazin

The Mayor called the Special Council meeting to order and advised it was a discussion with Paw Paw Lake (PPL) Homeowners' Association (HOA) Board regarding possible property acquisition. Before getting into the discussion, he referred to a map displayed in Council chambers and reviewed water flow into and through the Village. Almost all of it flows to PPL. The Sun Ridge development is one of the highest points in the Village. The water from Sun Ridge comes down and joins water coming from Lake in the Woods in Bainbridge and goes into Lake Louise. All the water in the southern part of Silver Creek flows into the PPL silt pond. The amount of water that can be seen flowing from Bell Rd. into the PPL silt pond when it rains comes from Silver Creek, Haskins Rd., Stafford Rd., Sun Ridge and Lake Louise and is the cause of the problem. If someone were pouring water and silt onto somebody else's private property, that would become an issue. However, no one theoretically owns Silver Creek, Haskins Rd., Stafford Rd., etc. The Mayor turned the meeting over to the Public Utilities Committee.

Porter explained that a couple of years ago, Public Utilities took ownership of storm water in the Village. He described the recent storm water projects of the Central Retention Basin south of Village Hall and the Manor Brook Stream Restoration Project. They were 'big buck' projects for a little Village like South Russell, but they addressed Village wide problems. This was the reason they were meeting to discuss PPL's silt pond and what might be done to maintain it. Porter asked how many people were on the PPL HOA board, and Rich Haber indicated seven and five were present. Porter asked if there was a majority to consider these matters. Haber replied that they can discuss the matters but do not have the authority to act on anything without a membership vote. Porter verified that the board is willing to take the matter to residents. Haber stated that the board is a very transparent board and will communicate the information after the meeting.

Porter asked if the dredging of the silt pond is complete. Haber said it was as much as possible. The contractor was thorough but could not access a part of the southern portion due to instability. He took it down as far as possible, and they are happy with it. Porter asked if all the silt is on the shoreline. Haber said it was and the contractor started to spread it, but it will still need to dry. It will also need to be graded and planted. Haber said the contractor suggested placing a silt fence in the meantime while they plant something that will hold the silt away from the silt pond. Porter asked how deep the silt pond currently was, and Haber said 8 to 11 feet deep. The contractor took it down to clay. Porter asked if this was the original depth. Haber did not know but was confident it was because it went down to the clay. Porter asked about the cost to the HOA, and Haber said it was \$50,000 and planting was part of the project. Haber surmised that in hindsight, the contractor would not have quoted \$50,000. Porter noted that the silt pond was dredged in 2015 and it is now 2023, which is an eight-year differential. Haber explained that the only reason for the 8 years was because it was originally quoted two years ago, but because of Lake Louise Bridge project, it was delayed in case there was more silt from the project. Porter asked what the

plan for dredging would be going forward. Haber explained that they are contemplating installing some type of barrier below the waterline that will catch silt farther south. This will then result in more frequent dredging but dredging that could be done in a day or two and would then be less expensive. They spoke to the contractor about doing this and will be getting a quote.

Porter advised that the Village has floated the idea of purchasing the silt pond to become Village property for a nominal amount like \$10. He asked if there was interest by the board to pursue this. Haber said the devil was in the details, and there also had been no meeting with the community. The details included whether the Village would just be buying the silt pond because there would be significant hesitance to sell the land next to it. They would grant an easement. The reluctance to sell the property was because that is how they access the southern portion of the lake for dredging. He realized the Village had concerns with an easement in terms of where to put silt. That would need to be considered. Performance requirements would be needed. If they were to sell the silt pond, they would no longer have control over when it is dredged and taken care of. They would need confidence that it will be done. The current Council may be committed to getting it done, but this group may not be in office in 10 years. They would want an enforceable agreement. They cannot risk having their lake damaged as a result of a failure to act by South Russell down the road. Haber did not know what the rest of the community would feel about selling the silt pond for \$10. They might consider it. But he realized it meant separating out that portion from Paw Paw Lake's plat and it would take work. As a lawyer, he could manage the PPL side but would not manage it for the Village. Porter asked what their current performance criteria was in terms of taking measurements. Haber said they had done soundings for the current dredging and would continue to use soundings as the measurement of when it needed to be done. If PPL constructs the proposed wall, it would be more frequent and less expensive. He does not want to saddle the Village with \$50,000 every five years. He concluded that soundings should be done now and use the depth as the basis for the performance criteria. Porter asked if PPL would do this, and Haber said he would if the Village is willing to go forward, but probably will do it anyway. Porter said the committee discussed annual soundings for performance indicators in the silt pond to determine build up yearly and there will be a designated point when dredging would be done. The agreement would be in writing because none of them may be here in 15 to 20 years, and the people who follow will have something in writing to know how it is to be handled so that Paw Paw Lake is not bearing the expense of taking it back and then dredging it. This is the first time the Village has done a solely private project on private property that only affects the PPL neighborhood. There have been others that affected multiple neighborhoods, but this is new for the Village. It would relieve PPL of the current situation where they have to assess the residents the cost of doing the work.

Robert O'Brien asked what the differentiating factors were as to why Manor Brook and Kensington Green were given funds. Was there discussion of land being sold in those cases as well? Porter explained that Kensington Green was never given funds. O'Brien responded it was \$300,000 for the Central Retention Basin. The Mayor stated that the Central Retention Basin catches Kensington Green's water and protects Chagrin Lakes. O'Brien asked whose property it is, and the Mayor stated it belongs to South Russell. O'Brien clarified, however, that it was water from Kensington Green. Porter clarified that it is also water from points east. The Mayor added it is all the water from Sun Ridge west. Porter said that Kensington Green HOA did not get a dime. Regarding the Manor Brook Project, there was actually a much larger project but because Whitetail actually owns the land, they gave the Village an easement for \$100, which allowed the Village to build the project on their property. O'Brien said it was an easement and a similar scenario. Porter replied that there was no dredging involved. It was a storm water project and expanded the flood plain. It was not a lake.

Haber asked where there were other silt ponds in South Russell. He noted from the minutes that Council is worried about a slippery slope of having to dredge everybody's silt ponds. Porter said there is Lake Louise and 47 ponds of different types. The Mayor said that Lake Louise and Bellwood have silt ponds, and Bellwood was quoted \$75,000 to clean theirs. They have not done anything in years. It is half the size of the PPL silt pond. Haber referenced the Mayor's explanation of water flow throughout the Village, and said they have the silt pond because it is a catch basin for the eastern half of South Russell. Lake Louise does not have the same level of water flowing through as PPL. Apart from maintaining the silt pond, what can be done to mitigate silt flow through the Village into PPL? Porter replied that he did not know that the Village could do anything about it because it is all private property. The Mayor continued to address communities with silt ponds in South Russell. He concluded that the silt ponds of Bellwood and Lake Louise are about the size of Council chambers. Bell advised that Sugar Bush has a silt pond. The Mayor explained that it is small. When Bell Rd. was paved in 2014, there was a storm that broke through the silt fence. The Village paid half, \$7,000 - \$8,000, to dredge their silt pond. The Mayor acknowledged all silt and water flow to PPL.

Haber asked how much construction had occurred along the south branch of Silver Creek. The Mayor said there are two houses being built, but that is the extent of it. Haber offered that this could impact the flow of silt through Silver Creek.

The Mayor continued and said if the Village takes on PPL's private situation, will others line up out the door asking for help. The north end of Southwyck is about 4-inches deep. Haber asked what they have been doing to maintain it. PPL has been spending money. The Mayor offered that Lake Louise has been on top of their situation. Bellwood has not, and the Village paid for half of the Sugar Bush silt pond cleaning. Porter acknowledged that the PPL situation is far worse, and the silt pond is much bigger which is the reason they are having the discussion.

Haber asked what Council wanted them to take back to their community. Porter said the first thing they want to see is an expression by the board members and some kind of vote that they are interested in pursuing the sale of the silt pond for a nominal sum with performance requirements and giving PPL an easement on the south side of the silt pond in the event they need to access that part to dredge the lake. If the board votes in favor of doing that, they would let the Village know and then depending on their by-laws, have a vote of the membership relative to the sale of property. Haber said he needed to know exactly what will be purchased. Porter stated it would be the silt pond and area around it. Haber clarified he is referring to the whole field where they put the dirt. Porter said yes. Haber asked why. Porter said that the Village may have to dredge it down the road and may need to put some portion of the dredging spoils there. Haber said PPL could grant an easement for this. Porter said the Village is not inclined to do an easement. But with an exchange of property, he thought the Village would. Haber asked why having that property mattered? Haber noted that Porter said he was not interested in dredging their silt pond without that, and asked what the benefit would be to the Village to have that property? Porter replied that 41 or 42 homeowners will not have to deal with it anymore. The Village will take it on as a Village operation and it will be systematic dredging. Haber clarified that he was talking about the land as opposed to the silt pond. The board would be willing to recommend selling the silt pond and granting easements so that South Russell Village can access the silt pond whenever necessary to dredge. And, conceivably, PPL would grant an easement for the purpose of leaving the silt on that field the same way they have done in the past. He acknowledged that there may come a point in time when there is just too much silt, and a different solution will have to be found. What he was trying to understand was why South Russell was insisting on owning the land and giving PPL an easement to access their lake as

opposed to PPL owning the land and giving the Village an easement to access whatever it needed. Porter replied that for ease of maintenance and ensuring that the monitoring was done properly, if the Village owned both sides of the silt pond, it would be a lot easier for the Village to do that. Haber said there was nothing that prevented it. O'Brien offered that PPL could grant this with the performance agreement. Porter said the Village would much rather own it. Haber said this was what he was trying to understand. Why does the Village need to own the surrounding land? An easement would grant the Village all the rights it would need to do the silt pond. He was looking for a proposal that would be suitable to the community and thought there would be push-back at selling land next to the silt pond. He did not think there would be as much push back with selling the silt pond and granting an easement. An easement has the same legal effect for the Village for purposes of dredging the silt pond as having the land. Porter responded that ownership is way better than easements always. Haber argued that the Village has no use for it from an ownership perspective. Porter said it did. Haber said this was his concern and asked Porter what it was. Porter said the Village would want to monitor it and may want to do it monthly for all they know. Haber said his concern about ownership was that the Village could do whatever it wanted on their land. It could park equipment on it. Haber did not want this, and the community would not want it. They have an interest in the proposal, but he did not think they would want to give up ownership of the land. They would prefer to give the Village an easement. Haber further stated that Porter's idea that ownership is better than an easement raises concerns over what the Village would want to do with that land once it owns it. Haber clarified when he said 'you' it did not necessarily mean the current Council, but they would not be on Council forever.

Canton asked if there were 47 or 41 ponds in the Village. Canton recalled hearing a lot of discussions about the use of taxpayers' money on private property. Cleveland and Pittsburgh professional football and baseball teams are privately owned, but taxpayer money built the stadiums. This was done through the development of a Stadium Authority and then the voters voted for the stadiums. He was uncertain whether this could be done, but there are over 40 ponds Village wide. If the Village were to evaluate the conditions of the ponds and determine costs involved in maintaining them, then a Special Improvement District (SID) could be created for the entire Village. This could be taken to the voters. The Solicitor did not know if this would qualify as an Erosion SID (ESID). Canton speculated it would be an ongoing cost depending on the conditions of the individual ponds. It would be a tougher sell to spend taxpayer money to take care of one particular pond like PPL's. However, if there were a program that would meet the needs of all the ponds throughout the Village, it would be an easier sell. It was just an idea. The Solicitor said it could work as a SID. Canton believed that as soon as the Village helped PPL with its issue, everyone else would approach the Village. With a SID, the voters could consider the proposal knowing that they may have to face issues with their ponds in the future. Haber had no comment about this suggestion as it was not his role, but Council's.

Bell said he was intrigued with what Haber said about the easement. He had a hard time agreeing with Porter's assessment, but admitted he did not fully understand Porter's thought process. Porter said it could be done with the Village being granted an easement, but in reality, the Village would be buying PPL's problem and nothing else. Haber said this is what the Village would be doing anyway. He appreciated this, but then Porter said the Village wanted some land with it. Porter agreed. Haber explained that this would not be popular with the residents. He felt Porter was throwing this in just because. Porter disagreed. Haber argued that Porter said there was no legal need for the Village to own the land. But there are big problems for PPL if they do not own it. Haber further explained that once it is South Russell Village property, the Village can do whatever it wants. If the Village wanted to make a park there for everybody to come and hang out by their lake, they could do that. Right now, the Village

cannot because it is private property. The Village could park heavy equipment there all year round if it so desired because it would be Village property and PPL would have no say in the matter. He concluded that the Village did not need the land to do what it needed to do. The Village could sell the property, and PPL could not stop the Village. Restrictions could be put on the agreement, but at the end of the day, Porter is saying the Village wants it, but legally the Village does not need it. Why does South Russell Village all of a sudden want to own the extra land that it legally does not need?

Terry Mitchell stated that to that point, while PPL is trying to keep expenses down for the Village, why would acquiring this land be desirable to the Village? It would entail cutting the grass and taking care of the trees, which costs thousands of dollars. Currently, PPL also has the liability if someone should walk into the property and go into the lake. Why would the Village want to take on these negative things that have expense and legalities attached to them? How would this benefit the Village?

Joe Pianeki said it is clear to him that the Village needs the property because it wants it for some reason. It may not be the current Council that chooses not to do anything with it, but who knows 50 years down the road? The Village could build a maintenance building. They want to keep it natural. If the Village attaches the sale of the land, it will not pass the community. There is no good reason that the Village needs it, and this process would have been for nothing.

The Mayor said this is a stressful situation and he did not want to divide the neighborhood. He asked them to remember that the Village was able to justify \$300,000 for the Central Retention Basin because water was going over a State highway. The Village was also able to justify the Manor Brook project because of water flowing into houses. With PPL, there are no flooding problems with homes or roads, so it cannot be addressed as storm water. But the Village will still try. O'Brien stated that PPL just paid \$50,000 to dredge the silt pond and if they had not, there would be a much larger problem in another year. Haber felt that functionally, the problem being experienced with the silt pond was storm water. Every time there is a storm, water flows and brings silt to the silt pond. It is getting worse year after year. Something is causing it downstream with the excessive flow of water bringing debris. The Mayor said the Village would keep digging. On Wednesday, July 12th at 2:00 p.m. there will be a Zoom meeting with Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP). They can find a way and find money for the Village. The Engineer has said it cannot be justified as a stormwater situation because it is not a highway. The Village will still look for somebody else to pay for whatever the solution is. He acknowledged the waterflow to the silt pond and felt something could be done. It may be necessary to get involved with Bainbridge and consider a SID. There is no guarantee that the Village will find the money, but it is good at spending other people's money before spending the residents' money. He will provide the information about the meeting. Haber was in favor of finding other people and their money to help solve this problem.

Porter said this option would be great because it would help PPL and would not put anything on the Village long term. PPL began to approach the Village with this problem several years ago and it has been every year. The Village did not come to PPL to say it wanted to take the silt pond. Haber said the Village rarely comes to PPL first to help them. Porter pointed out that it is a private summertime 1920's community where nobody lives part-time anymore. It was there before the Village was a Village. O'Brien said this was also true of Chagrin Falls, which was a vacation community. Haber said they would be happy with the help to find money to solve the problem and happy to consider the Village's proposal that does not involve land because he believed strongly the community would not be in favor of granting ownership of the land but would strongly consider an easement of the land to do what is needed. Porter said that the Village has made a proposal and the board has a counter proposal which he suggested they get backed up by a vote of the homeowners. This would be another step and then it would be up to

the Village as to whether it was acceptable or not. O'Brien asked if Porter was confident Council would pass a vote if they came to terms. Porter said no because he would not speak for the whole Council. Porter said that buying PPL's problem without the land around it may not go over well but if they have a counter, perhaps he is wrong. Haber noted it would not go over well with Porter but was not sure of the rest of Council. Porter explained that there were members of Council who decided that the Central Retention Basin and Manor Brook projects needed to be done. It was part of the 2004 Storm water study. 15 years later the realization came that it had to be dealt with and there was an effort led by some Council members to make it happen. It did not occur prior to 2019. PPL has been to Council many times asking for help, and they are there talking about giving them help. If they do not want the Village's help, ok. If they have a counter to what has been proposed so far, let's hear it. The Mayor may be right in saying that long term an ESID or SID is the way to go. But this means that every homeowner gets assessed on their taxes for it. Parkland and Country Estates are currently doing it to deal with erosion. This means it is being divided and being paid over 20 years. Haber said that they are being even more direct by assessing the members and writing checks. It is being taken care of year after year instead of over 20 years. Porter offered that they should picture the day where they have to dredge their lake.

O'Brien asked how many Council members own homes in Manor Brook or Kensington Green. Porter said three Council members live in Kensington Green and the Mayor. The Mayor said that five of the six live in Kensington Green and Manor Brook. O'Brien asked if Council understood their perspective of how that looks a little odd and the Mayor added that it looks like they are taking care of themselves first. O'Brien said he was not saying that (unintelligible). Bell interjected that if O'Brien was questioning their ethics, he found that offensive and asked him to stop. O'Brien said he was not questioning their ethics. Bell said O'Brien was questioning his integrity. O'Brien was looking at the two projects costing \$180,000 and \$300,000. Bell said he was not even on Council when that was voted on and felt O'Brien was still questioning his integrity and he did not appreciate it.

Pianecki said PPL was here before the Village. Development after development was built from which the Village benefits through property taxes. The developments caused all the silt and runoff from storm water to flow into the PPL silt pond and lake. It seems like the Village is getting all the property tax money and none of this was considered as the developments were allowed to be built. No one did a study to determine the impact of people downstream. No one thought about that. Now they are left holding the bag and they were here first. He reiterated that there were no studies to determine impact, or anything put in place to figure out how to handle the storm water. Now there is a problem and PPL is absorbing it. 42 homeowners are not going to pay for all the stormwater runoff from the Village when the Village is collecting all the property tax money that probably caused a lot of the storm water to run off into the silt pond in the first place. It will ruin property values. Collectively, a solution needs to be created that takes some of the burden off of 42 homeowners. The property values are going to go down because word will get out around the community about the problems that exist at PPL. At his age, he will not pay for future generations because he cannot, and he suspected many residents in PPL will feel the same way.

Haber told Bell that no one is questioning his ethics and he acknowledged that he and Porter sometimes disagree. They all appreciate that the meeting was for the purpose of trying to solve a problem. It does not mean that they agree with the proposal, but they will communicate the proposal to the community via a special meeting. He anticipated receiving a counteroffer to convey to Council and they would go from there. The Mayor advised there is a Council meeting on Monday, July 10th.

Pianecki asked about the meeting with Congressman Joyce. The Mayor said he had lunch with his representative who said to come back with a multiple community proposal not just with South Russell needing some help. The meeting on July 12th is the follow up.

Bell asked Haber to elaborate on the silt fence or wall Haber had discussed. Haber explained a silt fence would be placed on the edge of the silt pond to prevent the silt they just pulled out from going back into the pond. Bell asked specifically about the wall to the south that Haber had described. Haber explained that within the silt pond, the water flows in from the south side. The contractor proposed dropping a few concrete road construction barriers below water level to create a fence. Haber had also discussed putting in what amounts to a small gravel road a couple of feet off of the base. It catches the silt, but it also provides a platform for the earthmoving equipment to go in when the silt pond is lowered. The equipment can drive on it, scoop out the silt, and be done. He saw this done in Shaker Lakes. These solutions will depend on the stability of the base in the area they are considering. There may be a spring feeding into it that makes it unstable. Porter said that the Village was offering to take over the silt pond and then it would be the Village's problem and possibly the solution. Haber advised they were willing to consider it and that their dispute is over something else. Porter said that the Village has made a proposal and PPL had never gotten one from the Village before. O'Brien thanked the Village for this. If there are negotiations about conditions, the Village is willing to listen. Haber said he would get back to Porter on that.

The Solicitor asked if it would be helpful to have a proposed picture of the area to which the Village is referring. Haber said this would be helpful. The Solicitor would email it to Haber. Porter offered to speak to the PPL HOA.

The Mayor commented that the Solicitor had asked to get a drafted proposal ready, and he slowed it down because he wanted to make sure they went slowly in this process. Haber agreed and suggested the Solicitor send the picture before drafting a proposal. The Mayor offered that Council members are all available to email and their emails are like RuthCavanagh@southerussell.com. The Solicitor said no that there would be no texting or email. She wished to put the following on the record. There was no quorum of Council this evening with only three members. The meeting is not technically a meeting of Council, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22, but minutes are being kept, there will be notes, and it is recorded. The Solicitor also explained that Cavanagh is a Council member but was not at the meeting in this capacity and was not counted towards quorum. Instead, she is present as a member of the audience.

Being that there was no further business before Council, Porter made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Prepared by Leslie Galicki

Public Utilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

09 June 2023

Attendees:

Mayor Koons (WK)
Mark Porter (MP)
Ruth Cavanagh (RC)
Eric Haibach (EH)
Tim Alder (TA)
Chris Berger (CB)

Paw Paw Lake Residents

Julie Baioni (JB)
Joe Kinecki (JK)
Kent Kristensen (KK)

Called to order at 9:03AM

1. Solar Panel Project – MP advised that Yellow Light had reviewed the possible locations with TA. Village could save approx. 40% of costs by mounting arrays on individual buildings. MP suggested that we ask Yellow Light to spec and quote the project. Present to Council on 6/12/23 to authorize bid process. Plan is to bid in 2023 and budget for 2024. Potential Nopec grant of \$10-40K. WK to submit grant proposal by 6/30/23.
2. Paw Paw Lake Silt Pond – MP recommended that PUC present to Council on 6/12/23 request for Solicitor to prepare documents for Village to acquire the Silt Pond for a nominal amount. Such document to be sent to PPL for HOA review. JK (Joe Kinecki) of PPL stated that PPL would need Key Performance Indicators (KPI) to ensure that the Village maintained the Silt Pond in accordance with acceptable standards. EH note that the Village had not faced this issue before and that we needed to work together to establish standards. KK stated that PPL has the past data to create KPI. Asked what are the action points? Suggested meeting with John Wilson at Aqua Doc to get more information. JB stated that a process was needed to move

forward. WK scheduled a Special Council Meeting for 6/19/23 to meet with residents of PPL.

3. Culverts – EH stated that an Inlet Control Structure still needed to be installed for the CDB culvert across Rt. 306 consistent with the culvert at Sheerbrook. TA explained the culvert issue at 1181 Sheerbrook. Owner requested replacing driveway culvert. EH and TA recommending upgrade to 24” pipe from 10” pipe. Then recreate a swale to funnel water to existing storm drain at a cost of \$5-6K. Needs to be discussed with homeowner. RC noted that the homeowner was in control of the process. EH and TA suggested hiring a camera contractor to scope the existing culvert to assess condition. MP asked if we had budgeted money for these costs. TA stated had money in stormwater budget. MP moved to recommend to Council. CB concurred.
4. TA and MP reported that Street Committee had reviewed ongoing culvert projects and would recommend alternate work schedule for Street Department through 6/30/23 to facilitate completing projects.
5. Pond Schedule – EH reported that 44 ponds had been “mapped” in the Village. To prioritize an action list, EH needed criteria. CB suggested that first priority is impact to the community. MP added second criteria is siltation rate. EH to review and refine. MP suggested reporting to Council on 6/12/23 as we continue to develop a Master Plan.
6. TA and EH reported issue at 1101 Royal Oak as culvert pipe is starting to fail. Camera is needed to review situation. Recommend to Council to authorize expense.
7. WK raised the issue of 133 Southwyck – backs up to Park with water issues. EH and TA to review and report.
8. Country Estates – EH and TA to review with HOA and report.
9. CDB and neighbor – issue regarding screening. WK suggested that nothing needs to be done at this point.
10. Wetlands issue adjacent to CDB. A portion of the Wetlands was destroyed in the building of the CDB. EH doesn’t know if that portion can be restored. Ohio EPA has notified Village of its concern. EH suggested that the project was a two-phase program with phase two at the park. Could the park area be expanded to cover the area lost in the CDB? EH to review and report.
- 11.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34AM.

Nex meeting is 7/7/23 at 9:00AM

Submitted by Christopher J. Berger, Chair

Public Utilities Committee Minutes for

5 May 2023

Attending:

Mark Porter (MP)
Chris Berger (CB) - Chair
Tim Alder (TA)
Mayor Koons (WK)
Eric Haibach (EH)
Bridey Matheny (BM)
Alan Frasz – Yellow Lite

Meeting called to order at 9:00AM by CB. The meeting was held in person at The Village Hall.

1. Alan Frasz presented information on Solar Arrays. Committee is researching the feasibility of installing at the Village. Alan offered specifications, efficiencies, and location options as well as financing offsets available through the Inflation Reduction Act. MP, EH, and TA all discussed options which include behind the police station, in the central detention basin, and the ledge above the central detention basin. Alan to walk the property with TA and WK to determine best option. MP suggested presenting to Council at the next to gauge interest before asking for proposals.
2. The Culvert Pipes for Chillicothe. WK and TA reported that bids were received and awarded. Work to start in May. TA advised that a number of home ditch areas along Rt 306 required Village work. The Streets Department is proceeding with the home culvert replacements.
3. EH presented draft work on categorizing the Ponds in the Village. He is now working on completing evaluations as to retention or non-retention status and the condition of each pond.
4. Paw Paw Lake Silt Pond – MP engaged a discussion continuing the Special Council Meeting with the residents of Paw Paw for the purpose of addressing accelerated and accelerating accumulation of silt in the silt pond and the dredging of that silt pond. EH noted that this is the result of natural water channels. Abating the silt “upstream” would only mean addressing the accumulation of silt at a differing point in the water flow – not eliminating the issue. MP proposed that rather than incur expense upstream in creating additional silt ponds, the Village should consider acquiring the silt pond from the Paw Paw Lake HOA and bring responsibility (and expense) for maintaining the silt pond under Village control. Even though the issue only affect Paw Paw, the issue does compromise the Paw Paw swim lake and potentially, home values in that residential area. MP proposed presenting to Council for consideration.

MP moved to adjourn at 10:27AM. CB concurred.

Submitted by

Christopher J. Berger, Public Utilities Committee Chair

Public Utilities Committee Minutes for 7 April 2023

Attending:

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00AM by CB. The meeting was held in person at The Village Hall.

1. Flagpole at South Park. WK to confer with Masons. No pole at South Park. Plaque suggested for North Park. WK indicated they are still talking. WK suggested asking RC to assist.
2. The Culvert Pipes for Chillicothe. WK and TA reported that bids were received and awarded. Work to start in May. TA advised that a number of home ditch areas along Rt 306 required Village work. TA asked about using a 4–10-hour day week for 3 weeks in May to take advantage of daylight/work conditions. CB suggested a concern for worker safety early in the day during heavy traffic areas. TA to confer with other municipalities regarding safety issues.
3. MP noted that Manor Brook II phase should remain on the plan. Manorbrook Gardens will be contacted in the Spring to discuss their position.
4. 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. MP suggested that Fox Run might want Manor Brook II done to help Fox Run as a condition for allowing the retention basin at Fox Run which helps communities downstream but not Fox Run directly. MP stated that the Solicitor was to draft an easement agreement to submit to Fox Run.
5. 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.
6. Country Estates – until resident(s) advise the committee that a further issue exists, PUC will stand down on this issue – CB and MP. WK said Geauga Soil and Water was taking the lead with Country Estates.
7. 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 buildup 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. Still waiting on EH.

8. 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.
9. Well water testing – Mayor is to put together the plan with Glenn Elliott and TA to do water quality measured throughout the village.
10. Central Retention – WK talked with resident Greenleaf. MP suggested that the Village do nothing for a year to see how nature fills in the areas surrounding the basin. WK wants to see the stump in the back cut down. WK to talk with EH to evaluate.
11. ESID – Applications have been approved by Council and forwarded to the County. MP to call the Auditor to find out step next.
12. 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 advised that the plan was expanded to include more areas to the west of the original plan. TA's suggested budget of \$2500 is probably going to increase. TA to provide an updated cost proposal.
13. MP presented the NOACA grant for Bell Road East which will change the Village's budget considerations and potentially, allow more Stormwater projects to go forward. MP will present to Council on Monday, April 10th.

MP moved to adjourn at 9:57AM. CB concurred.
Submitted by

Christopher J. Berger, Public Utilities Committee Chair

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
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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.

Submitted by

Christopher J. Berger, Public Utilities Committee Chair

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 8th. 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 Mardroo 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

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

Submitted by

Christopher J. Berger, Public Utilities Committee Chair

Public Utilities Committee Minutes for

20 January 2023

Attending:

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

Meeting called to order at 8:02AM by CB. The meeting was held in person at The Village Hall.

1. A joint discussion reviewing the Tuesday night, January 17, 2023 Special Council Meeting concerning Storm Water ensued. All agreed that the meeting was beneficial in explaining stormwater issues to the Village Residents as well as being made aware of new stormwater issues.
2. The Committee agreed, upon suggestion by CB, that a better explanation of the installation of the new culvert pipes, sizing, and function needs to be shared with the Village.
3. TA explained the placement of trees in the Manor Brook 319 grant area that will be done in the Spring of 2023 and the resident's request to have additional screening placed in the "notch" of the easement property. MP discussed adding trees for the benefit of 114 Manor Brook. 3-4 trees @ 4-6 ft. tall evergreens to be placed in the notch on the easement property.
4. MP noted that Manor Brook II phase should remain on the plan.
5. Silt remediation – Committee discussed. Agreed that a formula should be developed to determine a course of action and discuss in February.
6. Wet, swampy areas - Agreed to make a list and then evaluate with the Engineer and Streets Commissioner.
7. Septic systems – CB reported that Councilman Canton and the Building Committee were already addressing the issue regarding Paw Paw Lake.
8. Fox Run – MP suggested waiting to see how the Manor Brook Stream project would handle stormwater.
9. Madroo Park - CB suggested contacting the Geauga Park District to review.
10. TA advised that the Culvert pipes for Chillicothe bids need to be let quickly as Paving is anticipated for early Spring 2023. TA to contact EH to get an update.

MP moved to adjourn at 8:43AM. CB concurred.

Submitted by

Christopher J. Berger, Public Utilities Committee Chair