

## Park Township Groundwater/Flooding Subcommittee Meeting

January 19, 2009 Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Amanda Price.
2. **Attendance: Committee members:** John Barwis, Steve Bolhuis, Bill Cole, Brian Douthitt, Herb Eldean, Wade Eldean, Allan Hoekstra, Julia Johnson, Amanda Price, Mike Toscano, Doug Wehrmeyer. **Staff:** Dan Martin, Attorney; Stu Visser, Manager **Others in attendance:** Paul Geerlings, Ottawa County Drain Commissioner.
3. Introductions: Committee members introduced themselves.
4. Committee members were given a listing of all action items undertaken by the Township Manger and Supervisor since January 6, 2009. Limitations of the current Park Township website were also explained.
5. Discussion of the charge to the committee. Committee is to: understand why the water table is at a consistently high level, develop a 30-60-90-120 day plan, discuss the environmental issues and develop an infrastructure assessment.
6. Discussion of areas of high groundwater and flooding.
7. Committee members discussed the flooding in the area of Eldean's and the purported causes of that flooding incident.
8. Discussion of three areas of priority and areas to explore:
  - Southside-
    - A. Understand the cause of excess surface water near Eldean's
    - B. Understand the cause of excess ground water in other areas of the Southside
    - C. Understand where "Drain Maintenance" can affect the flooded areas
    - D. Map the excess groundwater and flooded areas of the southside
    - E. Drain Commissioner has been working with Eldean's to remedy the flooding. The cost of the repair is \$40,000 per letter.
  - Northside
    - A. Drain Maintenance
    - B. Retention Pond Maintenance
    - C. Do we need new Drainage Districts (Class I) and new ditches.
    - D. Address areas of excess groundwater where there are no official county drains (Class II).
    - E. Homeowner's Associations need to be informed that they have an obligation to maintain their retention, detention areas.
    - F. Positive Flow Outlets are needed.

- G. Homeowners need to do their own housekeeping on their property. Do they have gutters, eaves, positive flow across each lot. This will be an education piece. Information should be supplied in newsletter and on website.
- H. Mapping of excess groundwater and flooding should be done.
- I. Ordinance enforcement also needs to be done.

#### Wyoming Water Treatment Plant

- A. Township is to request the capacity of the new backwash areas of the WWTP.
- B. Township will request well data for all data on the WWTP property.
- C. Township will request data from the Ottawa County Landfill wells as well.

9. Next meeting topics will include: Discussion of the 30-60-90-120 Plan which will include communication plans, possible public expenditures for items such as refuse pickup, pumping of water.

10. Next meeting will be: Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Amanda Price, Supervisor.

***Hand Written Note From Jeff Ebihara dated: January 8, 2009  
(Jeff made the motion to investigate groundwater issues.)***

#### ***Short Term***

##### ***30-60-90-120 Day Plan***

- 1) Focus on Health, Safety & Welfare Issues Only***
- 2) Water Removal***
- 3) Debris Removal***

#### ***Long Term***

- 1) Evaluate Drainage & soils***
- 2) Review Climate Changes***
- 3) Investigate Wyoming Water Treatment Plant***