

Park Township Groundwater/Flooding Subcommittee Meeting

March 11, 2009 Minutes

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6pm. by Trustee Mike Toscano.
- 2) **Attendance: Committee members:** John Barwis, Steve Bolhuis, Bill Cole, Brian Douthitt, Allan Hoekstra, Julia Johnson, Doug Wehrmeyer, Trustee Mike Toscano, Manager Stu Visser, Trustee Jerry Hunsburger, and Ottawa County Drain Commissioner Paul Geerlings
- 3) Committee would like to give recommendation tomorrow to the board.
- 4) Barwis passed a summary grid regarding the proposals to committee members and informed the committee how the summary was established.
- 5) Toscano stated one group of Three (3) committee members and two additional members each looked at the proposals separately and came to the same conclusion regarding the firm to recommend.
- 6) Barwis stated the team of five (5) committee members would recommend Driesenga and Associates and the reasons behind the decision.
- 7) The committee agreed to stay with the same firm for both phases of the project. Cole stated the reasons.
- 8) The committee reviewed the requirements the company has, upon receiving the contract, to be completed within the first 30 days.
- 9) Hunsburger stated we are paying a firm for engineering work; the Township is responsible for actual labor costs to remove the water.
- 10) Toscano asked the committee to support Mr. Barwis presenting the recommendation of Driesenga and Associates to the Board of Trustees.
- 11) Geerlings agreed with the decision of the committee.
- 12) Cole motioned to request Mr. Barwis present the recommendation of the committee to contract with Driesenga and Associates, to the Board of Trustees. Douthitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 13) Hunsburger asked Geerlings if a possibility of immediate relief would be to have the neighbors on Estate Dr. give easements for a pipe to be laid to take up water and drain into drain #37 strictly monitoring overuse.
- 14) Geerlings agreed that it would be possible but we need to do something for each area affected and no permits are necessary to use drain #37.

- 15) Barwis stated they could run the hose through residents' back yards.
- 16) Geerlings agreed Estate Dr. poses a health and safety issue
- 17) Toscano asked what Geerlings would need to run the line immediately.
- 18) Geerlings described what would be needed.
- 19) Cole stated we should request quotes from dewatering companies to temporarily remove the surface water on Estate Dr. until the engineering firm can begin work.
- 20) Geerlings stated he will secure quotes from two (2) dewatering companies by March 12 for removal of surface water from Estate Dr., and forward a letter template to grant easements needed for the process.
- 21) Hoekstra stated his wife would circulate the letter for the committee.
- 22) Visser will ask the road commission to help with the situation on Post Ave.
- 23) Hunsburger motioned for the committee to recommend the board grant the interim manager a contingency fund of \$40,000 for immediate relief in the affected areas. Hoekstra seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 24) Geerlings heartily supports the motion.
- 25) Visser presented information obtained from the WWTP.
- 26) Hoekstra has concerns regarding the information as it relates to other information received at an earlier date.
- 27) The committee agreed the pump for the dewatering of Estate Dr. will be turned off if the drain commissioner states #37 cannot handle the increased flow. Also, the process will be monitored continuously.
- 28) Toscano asked the members of the public to comment on the situation.
- 29) 7 people spoke during the public comment period.
- 30) Hunsburger stated the township newsletter will have information regarding who is responsible for maintaining the roadside culverts.
- 31) The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by;
Daniele Dykens, 3/11/2009