

**Minutes
Park Township Environment & Energy Committee
May 26, 2009**

Environmental Chair Jerry Hunsburger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

Present: John Barwis, Doug Wehrmeyer, Julia Johnson, Chris Overbeek, citizens, Bill Chappell and Arne Larsen (Driesenga and Associates), Jerry Felix (Park Township Manager), Mike Toscano Township Trustee, Paul Geerlings Ottawa County Drain Commissioner

Absent: Skip Keeter, Bill Cole, Doug Yonker

The Meeting minutes follow:

1) Chair Hunsburger opened the meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7th committee meeting.

A motion was made by Doug Wehrmeyer to approve the amended meeting minutes from the May 12th meeting, John Barwis seconded the motion. Motion passed by verbal approval.

2) Update on Board meeting May 14th & Special Meeting May 22nd.

Hunsburger gave information regarding the petitions passed at the May 14th Board meeting.

The board signed a petition on behalf of residents of the upper part of drain #37 and the other half of Quincy St./Estate Drive area at the Special Board meeting on May 22nd.

3) Driesenga & Associates-Update report by Study Area (SA)

Chappell explained the current drain study findings and the preliminary design estimates by study area (attached). Per board direction no additional design work will be done until after the June 10 meeting.

a) Drain #37 – in progress

b) Estate/Tall Grass – the petition was signed by the township board to expedite the process. It is now waiting for a Board of Determination.

c) Quincy between 160th & 168th – Chappell explained the requests of the Ottawa County Road Commission regarding the culverts and roadside ditches. He explained the normal procedures and their part in the process.

d) 168th Ave.- no petition has been submitted.

e) Waukazoo-Driesenga should have estimates on Phase 1 for the Township board at the June meeting.

f) Northland Estates- Chappell explained the plan regarding the north side, easements have been attained and useable to reach the Munn drain. The design for Munn Drain repairs should be complete by June and construction should be sometime soon. Use of the drain has been approved by the Port Sheldon Supervisor per Chappell. South side relief includes a drain retention pond and continuing to look for positive flow. The south side improvement will occur by the way of a Park Township related project and not that of the Port Sheldon Township project.

g) Greenly – Status will wait until after MDEQ meeting on June 10.

h) Harbor Village – D&A was just authorized to study this area which is to commence shortly.

4) Requested meeting w/Department of Environmental Quality

On June 10th a meeting between Driesenga & Associates, MDEQ, Mr. Geerlings, Holland City Board of Public Works, and Mr. Felix will take place. Topics of discussion will be various relief projects that include drainage into major and minor bodies of water.

Chappell stated this is a rare opportunity and we have great timing to get the approval of the MDEQ regarding proposed projects prior to final design.

The committee discussed what will happen after the meeting with the MDEQ. Resident input will be requested to discuss the options when we know the possibilities from the MDEQ in the form of neighborhood meetings.

5) County Drain Commissioner – Paul Geerlings

- a) A possible “partnership” with Holland city regarding their BPW project on 168th will wait until the 10th
- b) Status of the petition process for areas is waiting for the 10th
- c) The petition process for each study area. The OCDC’s office has a petition for the Munn drain project, the extension on the Blueberry drain, drain #23 (160th), and Estate Dr.
- d) Tips for residents to facilitate relief for their area would include placing no trash in open ditches, pulling weeds in sight, keeping in mind on their safety. A timeline for each project could be as far out as the 2010 construction season.

6) Questions & Comments from committee members

Larsen commented on the path of the scope and costs associated with the timelines. He would like a report on the financial expectations of the township and an adjusted scope after the June 10th MDEQ meeting.

Chappell agreed to separate billing for the Waukazoo area work.

7) Public Comment

Hunsburger opened the public comment period

5 people spoke at the public comment period.

Hunsburger closed the public comment period.

8) The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, June 25th at 7:00pm.

Mr. Hunsburger adjourned the session at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Daniele Dykens, Park Township Deputy Clerk