

Park West Drain Update: March 10, 2010

Since the public hearing conducted by the Ottawa County Drain Commissioner last November, Park Township has continued to receive questions about the status of the drain. These questions have related to the timing of construction, the route of the drain itself, the final boundary of the drainage district and the final costs.

All work on the drain, including the schedule and financing, are under the jurisdiction of the Ottawa County Drain Commissioner. Park Township completed some preliminary work on the drain last year and then, as strict state laws dictate, the entire project was taken over by the Ottawa County Drain Commissioner to administer, design and complete.

At this point, we can relate that the drain route and the final engineering have not yet been established. The Drain Commissioner has made contact with many property owners within the Township for purposes of securing proposed easements for the pipe location. The Drain Commissioner is looking at a variety of alternatives and not all of those property owners contacted may have property within the final drain route. If your property is/was under consideration, you should have received a “notice of interest” from the Drain Commissioner along with a response card.

The Drain Commissioner has indicated to Park Township that he will provide the Township copies of maps and other materials once the final engineering and route are complete. We will make that information available to you once it is received.

Once the route is finalized, there will also be a final determination by the Drain Commissioner of the drainage district boundary. Those property owners within the final district will also be notified by the Drain Commissioner as to that fact and will also receive information as to any financial impacts.

For additional information, please keep watching this site for updated information, visit the website of the Ottawa County Drain Commissioner at www.miottawa.org/CoGov/Drain, or call his office at 616-994-4530