



CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE

**Engineering Department
Scott Wangler, P.E., City Engineer**

DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL BOARD

Minutes for Tuesday, January 24, 2017 Meeting

Meeting called to order by City Engineer Scott Wangler at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were:

Ed Dunham	Safety Service Director Jeff Armbruster
Michael Borow	Eugene Kleinholz
City Engineer Scott Wangler	Service Department Superintendent Al Swindig
Assistant City Engineer Cathy Becker	
Resident Rick Szalkowski	

There was not a quorum of seven members present. City Engineer Scott Wangler said that the Board has been struggling to reach a quorum of seven members for the past year. For this meeting the Engineering Department did not receive many responses to the email request to Board members asking them if they were going to attend the meeting.

Old Business

A. Minutes for October 25, 2016 Meeting

Old business was not conducted since there was no quorum.

New Business

A. City Engineer Scott Wangler Discussed the Storm Water Utility Progress

City Engineer Scott Wangler stated that because there was little feedback to the email request regarding attendance at the meeting, he did not believe this meeting was the correct time to deliver the information about the progress of the Storm Water Utility in front of such a small group.

B. Items from Committee Members:

Board Member Ed Dunham asked City Engineer Scott Wangler to explain how the Storm Water Utility program would work if a property owner had a large impervious parking lot. City Engineer Scott Wangler said that it was possible that if some of the existing parking lot were removed, credits would be given and the

fee would be less but the program is not developed yet. There is a concept out there that reduction of impervious area may lead to a reduced fee. Safety Service Director Jeff Armbruster said that the pervious parking lot at LCCC has grass growing in it, the pavers are popping out due to snow plows, and the pervious parking lot needs to be maintained.

Board Member Gene Kleinholz asked if any soils investigation was done at the site of the old package plant at the Service Department where the new Fire Station is to be located. Safety Service Director Jeff Armbruster and Service Department Superintendent Al Swindig said the soils investigation was done and the results were good.

Service Department Superintendent Al Swindig said that even though we have had a lot of rain recently, there have been no flooding complaints.

Board Member Michael Borow said that he believed there is usually a large backup of storm water in French Creek at Mills Road and the road is a bottleneck. Safety Service Director Jeff Armbruster and City Engineer Scott Wangler explained that the city is applying for a grant to replace the bridge and make it wider to allow more water through the bridge and prevent such large backups. Safety Service Director Jeff Armbruster said that developer Joe Scaletta had excavated out the creek banks and created additional ditches when the condominiums were built next to Mills Road in order to provide more storage for flood waters.

Board Member Gene Kleinholz said that the ditch in Avon at Mills Road and Jaycox Road is a bottleneck and it has never been cleaned.

Board Member Gene Kleinholz shared his Farm and Dairy newspaper article about the U. S. Supreme Court hearing the lawsuit by the National Pork Producers versus the U.S.E.P.A. about the Waters of the United States rule (WOTUS) which would put upstream waterways such as intermittent streams and ephemeral streams under the U.S.E.P.A. jurisdiction in addition to navigable waterways.

Board Member Gene Kleinholz mentioned that PBS was having a special on Rachel Carson tonight, and she wrote Silent Spring. He also said he believes there should be more County Metroparks in North Ridgeville because North Ridgeville does not have their fair share.

City Engineer Scott Wangler stated that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in the Conference Room.

City Engineer Scott Wangler adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Wangler, P.E.
City Engineer

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