

MASTER PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE
PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2008
NORTH RIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Facilitator: Rick Winrod, Master Plan Advisory Committee

Guest Speakers: Randy Speidel, Engineering Department
Bill Gluvna, Service Department

Attendees:

Rudy Ringwall	Bernadine Butkowski
Denny Johnson	Dick Brent
Rick Winrod	Larry Kamenec
John Taylor	Mark and Heather Croucher
Dawn Stetar	Bob Graham
Julie Speidel	Ellen Evans
Samantha Speidel	Dennis Boose
Carol Klear	Russ Friedrich
Ralph Kearnes	Perry Sprachmann
Thomas Klear	Bob Knopf
Gene Kleinholz	

Recommendations to Master Plan Committee:

- Institute an ongoing replacement of old sanitary and storm sewers that were installed in the 1960's and 1970's. Support with a tax levy.
- Additional storm water detention basins are required. Four sites that are being studied for detention basins.
- Rapid growth leads to strain on utilities, sewers, ditches and roads. Administration should develop strategy (formula) to calculate capacity based on population projections for the next 20 years.
- Storm water retention rates should be determined by ward or precinct and based on topography.
- Wetlands protection and expansion should be encouraged to assist with storm water management.
- City should support the French Creek Restoration project.
- Citizens must be educated on the profound impacts they can unwittingly have on the environment.

- Residents must respect ditches.
- Upgrades from septic to sewers along Center Ridge Road should occur at the same time the road is widened.
- Improvements to road, sidewalks and ditches in older parts of the city need to be coordinated to occur at the same time.
- Secondary roads will need widening and setbacks.
- Sidewalks are urgently needed. Dangerous situations exist.
- Current in-house process for secondary street paving and crack-sealing should be encouraged to continue. End results are enhanced street preservation with cost savings.
- City must continue to use creativity to promote longevity of equipment and utilize technologies to keep up with population growth. Multi-task equipment whenever possible.
- Metrics should be implemented to follow a formula for increasing manpower and equipment based on population benchmarks.
- Safety forces and additional fire stations are needed to support increased population.
- A complete review of energy usage should be conducted and opportunities for savings should be taken advantage of. High-efficiency lighting in traffic lights should be encouraged to continue. Renewable energy usage should be encouraged whenever possible.
- Regionalization of public services should be considered.
- Curbside leaf pickup, supported by a voter-approved tax-levy, should be considered.
- Options for public transportation, including rail, should be studied.
- Investigate Wi-Fi options for city.
- A more comprehensive recycling program should be pursued to include items like cardboard and phone books.

-Comments:

1. There was little thought on regionalism, utilities (what about wind, solar, geothermal), communications (fiber optics loops) that might be able to attract business and higher income individuals with better housing.
2. Infiltration into sanitary sewers is major cause of flooding during catastrophic rain events.
3. Clay tile sewers have no sealed joints and are penetrated by tree roots.
4. Utilities should last more than 50 years.
5. Workers have laptops in vehicles and use GIS—communication excellent
6. Technology exists to group joints and prevent infiltration.
7. All projects over one acre are now required to have storm water retention on-site.