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Stormwater Management Committee

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, May 4, 2022 MINUTES

1.0 Call Meeting to Order/12:00 p.m./Determination of a Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2.0 Roll Call and Introductions

Members present:

Ric Lawson, Chairperson & Huron River Watershed Council
Ann Harris, Vice Chairperson & Planning Commission Liaison
Lauren Apone, Public Member
Deborah Williams, Planning Commission Liaison
John Lee, Public Member
Kurt Weiland, Director of Building Department
Eric Humesky, Engineer, Staff Liaison
Billy Weirich, Director of Utilities
Matthew Best, Director of Municipal Services

Members Absent:

Yameen Jaffer, Board of Trustee Liaison

Others present:

Michael Bogner, Resident

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Member Weirich, supported by Member Williams, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 Public Comment I

None

5.0 Approval of Minutes from the February 5, 2020 Regular Meeting

Matthew Best, Director of Municipal Services, asked the committee if they can go back and look for notes in regards to the last meeting, held in February of 2020 so they can be approved.

6.0 Old Business

None

7.0 Updates

7.1 Middle Huron Partner Meetings

Andrea, with Huron River Watershed Council, explained how they are looking for ways on how they can best support municipalities. The idea is to find different niches in each community and how to move forward with those. Chemistry and flow monitoring launched in April as well as a social media campaign.

Ric Lawson, Chairperson, mentioned that EGLE is making stormwater a bigger focus on their end. Expect faster action on getting new permits done.

7.2 TMDL for Ford and Belleville Lakes

Ric Lawson, Chairperson, stated that the revision of TMDL was passed and is now in effect.

Ann Harris, Vice Chairperson asked if the Michigan Avenue widening project will have any negative impact on stormwater?

Matthew Best, Director of Municipal Services, explained that this shouldn't have any negative impact as MDOT has many standards they will have to meet during this project.

7.3 Open Discussion

Ann Harris, Vice Chairperson, asked the committee if they knew what happened to the Tree Canopy Program?

Matthew Best, Director of Municipal Services, answered that it is currently on the list of projects under Community Development.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Election of Officers

Chairperson: Ric Lawson

Vice Chairperson: Ann Harris

Motion by Chairperson Lawson, supported by Member Williams, to retain all current Officers.

MOTION CARRIED

8.2 2022 Stormwater Management Meeting Schedule

Motion to approve the 2022 Stormwater Management Meeting Schedule.

MOTION CARRIED

8.3 Washtenaw County Water Resource Commissioner's Asset Management Plan

Matthew Best, Director of Municipal Services, stated that WRC has decided to implement an Asset Management Plan for maintenance of the pipes and ponds that they manage throughout the Township. The goals of this are to maintain drainage network in a cost-effective manner, reduce downstream sedimentation, and correct drainage networks already in various states of failure. This now gives them a plan and a budget they can follow.

Ann Harris, Vice Chairperson, requested that as a member of the Planning Commission it could be beneficial to know if there are additional things they can push for.

8.4 Coordination with HRWC and River Raisin Watershed Council

Matthew Best, Director of Municipal Services, informed the committee that Sabrina Gross has been named Appointee to represent the Township on the HRWC and the RRWC by the Supervisor.

8.5 2022 Vision Discussion

8.5.1 HOA Stormwater Seminar 2022

Matthew Best, Director of Municipal Services, asked the committee their thoughts on possibly holding a seminar for HOA's in the community to go over the basics of stormwater to inform them and answer the basic problems that most neighborhoods have.

Michael Bogner, Resident, answered that the main reason he is attending today's meeting is for this very reason. Mr. Bogner is part of the Stonebridge HOA and wants to get more involved. They are under the realization that in the next 10 years a lot of problems will need to be fixed.

Ric Lawson, Chairperson, stated that for this to work it will be important to include the right people. Not all HOA's will be persuaded to attend.

Lauren Apone, Public Member, asked if the Township would also add additional items to that agenda such as sustainability?

Matthew Best, Director of Municipal Services answered that this could be discussed with the Supervisor but is hesitant to add more to the seminar because stormwater is a very elaborate topic to discuss as it is.

John Lee, suggested that this topic might be beneficial to schedule in the Spring, as that is when a lot of people become interested in this topic.

8.5.2 Native Lawns and Pollinator Gardens under Township Zoning and Code Enforcement

Matthew Best, Director of Municipal Services, The Township will be looking into natural lawns and how Code Enforcement will be able to allow for natural lawns. This being to prevent people from getting permits and then not taking care of their lawns.

8.5.3 2022 Vision

Matthew Best, Director of Municipal Services, discussed potential areas to work on and invited committee members to contact the Township if they have ideas, topics or events they want to pursue.

9.0 Unfinished Business

None

10.0 Adjournment

Ric Lawson, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.



Ann Harris, Vice Chairperson

5-2-2023

Date