

Langhorne Manor Borough Stormwater Commission – Agenda & Minutes
Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:30pm – Borough Hall

Attendees: Alicia Gasparovic (chair), Jim Keba, Dawn Seader (council president), Dave Bean, Heather Palladino, Lauren Shuke, Kevin Oessenich, Teresa Weiser (resident guest)

1. Approve September meeting minutes – approved with no changes

2. Comly Updates:

- Growing Greener Grant - \$230,000
 - First reimbursement waiting on vendor paperwork (Brightline, \$29k, needs PA certifications to be a qualified vendor). RVE working with Brightline to resolve. [Might Borough Manager have a contact at Brightline who could help usher this along? Is LMB using Brightline for any further purchases?](#)
 - Second reimbursement request to be submitted shortly.
- RDA Grant (“casino money”)
 - Application submitted by Council last fall after WRPP denied.
 - Awarded \$125,515 in December!
- Overall funding:
 - RVE summary as of Dec 2022:
 - Total estimated cost (original): \$453,515
 - Total estimated cost (updated 12/19/2022): \$275,834* - [this is the remaining cost as of 12/19/2022. Spent approx. \\$54,000 to date on construction, for a total cost of approx. \\$330,000.](#)
 - Numbers changed bc rain gardens in original plans were removed, and major cost savings from collaboration between Borough Manager and JD Eckman during bridge reconstruction
 - Growing Greener grant: \$230,000
 - RDA grant (for use in 2023): \$125,515
 - TOTAL: \$355,515 – [this may allow a buffer of approx. \\$25,000 if no unforeseen expenses for this project.](#)

3. Prospect & Pine Swale Updates:

- Priority - Pine St
- Prospect – Corner of Prospect & Station (608 Station Ave) – confirmed not impacted
- Timeline
 - May 2023 – Begin design
 - September 2023 – begin construction
 - January 2024 – finish project (though we have until end of 2024)
- BCCD DGLVR Grant Application
 - Traffic counts for Prospect and Pine completed (thank you Jim!)
 - Application submitted for Pine St only. Draft Prospect application shared with BCCD for future consideration.
 - Total Project: \$350,932
 - LMB: \$27,821 (topsoil, seed, and straw)
 - Grant Request: \$323,111

- Morgan Schuster from BCCD Dirt & Gravel/Low Volume Roads grant program just today sent additional questions regarding relevancy of the swale project to the grant program. Any ideas from this group appreciated - how roads are impacted by stormwater and/or road longevity is improved by this project. Morgan noted that Pine St paving currently looks in good condition, and the large grassy area on Cairn property already allows for water to seep into ground.
- H2O Grant Application Submitted
 - Application submitted for both Prospect & Pine.
 - Resolution to be approved by council tomorrow.
 - Total Project: \$707,286
 - LMB: \$235,762
 - Grant Request: \$471,524

4. Newsletter & Postcard

- Thank you to Lauren!
- Feedback?
- Website volume from Lois – no additional website traffic was created by the SWC postcard announcing the online SWC newsletter. (Only 6 SWC page hits Dec 1-31, 2022. And 0 hits Jan 1-5, 2023).
 - Ideas to increase SWC webpage traffic:
 - Include a small article from/about the SWC newsletter in the LMB regular paper newsletter.
 - Putting a post on the Living in Langhorne Manor Facebook page
 - Adding a web article on the LMB webpage
 - Make a SWC newsletter with less color so it can be printed in-house and mailed with the LMB newsletter next time around
 - Sending a LMB text message with a link to the newsletter (can more phone numbers be harvested?)
 - Can any grant money be used for MS4 communications/newsletter funding?

5. Discussion of SWC meeting frequency going forward

Quarterly meetings probably sufficient for now

6. Other –

- Lot on corner of Hill & Central – tennis court – offered as community garden, rain garden, solar panel garden
- Delaware Basin Stormwater Virtual Training Series (Jan 10-Feb 7)
- Stewardship program sent by Lauren – could make use of this
- Middletown has a free raingarden seminar coming up soon
- Need update on where Middletown is with their MS4 mapping/plans
- Should the RDA grant received for the Comly project afford us extra funds not needed for Comly, is there a possibility that money could be transferred over to the swale project?

7. Next meeting: ?

- ~~Mon Feb 6?~~
- ~~Mon March 6?~~
- Mon April 3 – agreed to this date, 7:30pm, Borough Hall