

Langhorne Manor Borough Stormwater Commission – Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7pm – Borough Hall

Attendees: Devin, Jim, Heather, Lauren, Teresa and Margie (virtually)

Minutes = BLUE; Action Items = RED

1. Approve March 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Sent via email to committee on March 14, 2025 – All in favor, no edits. DMK to send to Bonnie to post to LMB.org
2. SWC Committee Member Updates:
 - Fred Tomlinson (2yrs) – May 25, 2025 notice of resignation to SWC Chair
 - DMK to update at June 2025 LMB Council Meeting of the vacancy and have LMB Secretary post to LMB.org.
 - Statement of Financial Interest – confirm completion by historic SWC members – All confirmed.
 - COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
3. RVE Information on Small Boroughs MS-4 Exceptions:
 - RVE attended the May 13, 2025 LMB Council to share details following conversation with PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), specifically with an Environmental Protection Compliance Specialist, to explore whether any exemptions could apply to LMB.
 - According to the DEP, no exemptions are available because the Borough discharges into two (2) impaired watersheds (Neshaminy & Mill Creek). While the MS4 requirements must still be met, there is some flexibility with the timeline, provided we can demonstrate ongoing progress and documented efforts. It's also important to clarify that the MS4 program is governed by the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System), which differs significantly from Act 167.
4. Grant Status Updates:
 - PA Department of Community & Economic Development LSA Grant
 - Discussions pertaining to grant allowances and opportunities for incoming grants to be written in a way to include annual maintenance is a focus of SWC Chair.
 - SWC Chair is working to pull all historic financial information for previously completed projects with the aim to provide summary project finance details to both LMB Council, SWC member and all residents. The finance details will

include all project costs, including project engineering fees, as well as all grant applied funds, and final costs to the Borough.

5. MS-4 Inspection Meeting – Friday, May 30th 2025

- Review inspection punch lists and completed items **DMK to print out newsletters for supplement to print-outs Bonnie supported.**
- **DMK to circulate MS-4 Inspection Meeting calendar notice to all SWC members.**

6. MS-4 Projects Status:

- Pine St – No Parking Signs requested 24Mar2025 – No response
 - **Final engineering costs: \$66,259.54 – fully covered by grant money**
 - **Nick Palladino confirmed there are 12 ‘No Parking Signs’ in possession in the LMB garage, poles & bolts included. DMK to email Nick Pizzola regarding installation and confirm that no additional order is placed.**
- 505 Station & Highland Ave Revised Project Documentation & Estimate
 - **Awaiting revised documentation from RVE; DMK re-requested from RVE on 05/27/25, DMK confirmed revisions & amendments will be included in the upcoming estimate.**
 - **Committee agreed the best course of action was to review the revised cost estimate for this site upon receipt from RVE. No decision was made on whether this site is a formal recommended project at this time.**
- Prospect Ave Project – Revised Project Documentation & Estimate
 - **At the time of review of percolation testing, there was no discussion on consideration of soil amendments to meet reduction credits.**
 - **Teresa Weiser (homeowner residing at 206 Prospect Ave) confirmed that the day of percolation testing was the day following torrential rains (as she recalled emptying water out of her flooded basement). This consideration is a part of the conversation surrounding readdressing this site in more stable weather.**
 - **Committee agreed the best course of action was to review the revised cost estimate for this site upon receipt from RVE. No decision was made on whether this site is a formal recommended project at this time.**

7. Neighborhood Education

- Considerations for upcoming newsletter and potential content
- **Potential Topics:**

- **Education behind MS-4 Requirements**
- **LMB discharge to impaired watersheds**
- **Committee vacancies (2-year position)**
- **Potential inclusion of finance overview of completed projects**

8. Walk-on Items:

a. Jim Keba –

- i. Request for education for both SWC and LMB Council led by RVE on DEP changes considering Volume Management Optimization (VMO), replacing Pollution Control Measures. VMO is calculated using the DEP's Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) Calculator and this value is used for the VMO target in the 2026-2031 permit term.
 - 1. **DMK to email Dominic (RVE) for request for scheduling of both SWC (more detailed) & LMB Council (synopsis) education sessions.**
- ii. Considering upcoming meeting with DEP on 5/30, encourage discussion surrounding what happens when LMB exhausts all options.

1. DMK to circulate MS-4 Inspection Meeting calendar notice to all SWC members.

b. Teresa Weiser –

- i. Explored environmental advisory councils (highlighted Warrington's EAC) and Bucks County Conservation District (Kevin Mault – kmault@buckssccd.org)
- ii. Karen Ogden – Watershed Specialist from Bucks County Conservation District who is looking to coordinate SWC efforts.
- iii. Neshaminy Watershed Association under development.
- iv. Creek Critters Survey – **Teresa to email DMK info and DMK will create a digital flyer for a sign to gauge neighborhood interest and potential date options.**