

Langhorne Manor Borough Stormwater Commission – Agenda & Minutes
(Amendments to Minutes in red, as suggested and agreed to during the 11/22/21 SWC meeting)
Monday, October 18, 2021 7:30pm – Borough Hall

Attendees: Alicia Gasparovic (chair), Heather Palladino, Jim Keba, Fred Tomlinson, Kevin Oessenich, Dawn Seader (council president), Jay Ferraro (Borough Manager), Liz Colletti (RVE)

1. Approve July meeting minutes – approved with no changes.

2. Liz Colletti (RVE) – update on recent walkthrough – the majority of the meeting was spent with Liz walking the committee through her (draft) report, and the ensuing discussion / committee asking questions. Note: Liz will update her report / deliver an electronic version to distribute to all of Council.

Another takeaway for Liz is to go through the list of potential projects to identify those that are viable, and to estimate associated DEP credits. This menu of potential projects should be included in the next LMB DEP report/plan so we have a longer list of projects we COULD draw from if needed, without having to go through the trouble of adding them later (which would trigger another DEP review and public comment period, etc). Better to include more than needed in the report/plan. Including projects does not commit LMB to DOING the projects.

Some other items from the discussion:

- Are the Cairn SW projects in the plans sufficient to meet the Mill Creek watershed requirements? RVE was sent the quick calculations in Excel from Carroll Engineering, but they need to be verified.
- Potentially there are several LMB or other **municipal** property not indicated on the maps provided by Liz.
- Reflective bollards to be placed near drop-off on Station Ave & Elm Ave. This is one location Liz noted during the walkthrough as hazardous, and Council is pursuing a solution.
- Swampy conditions on Central Ave discussed, and Hill Ave water drainage issues which may have been contributed to by newly built homes, but these homes were built to code.
- Liz noted that flood mitigation measures, when combined with water quality improvements, can qualify for DEP credits, and there are flood mitigation grants available. Could these provide significant DEP credits? Liz noted that “flooding” refers to when the rainfall from a 1-2 year storm is not cleared in 24-72 hours. Liz can look up exact requirements. It was noted the flooding concerns may be best handled by the Emergency Management Committee, and solutions should be considered with MS4 requirements in mind.
- The need for strict SW project eligibility was noted by the Borough Manager for consistency and fairness (referring to smaller projects that could be constructed, like the ones eligible for Bucks Conservation District grant money). Also noted the need for maintenance agreements for any SW facilities on private properties / in ROW in front of resident homes, the short and long term costs of these facilities, and whether the ultimate maintenance would end up falling back to LMB responsibility.

- Liz noted that other municipalities enact SW fees, though boroughs cannot do this yet ~~legally~~ **under current regulation**. It was noted that Langhorne Borough proposed or is waiving SW fees if residents complete SW projects. Liz said that Mike from RVE is reviewing the LMB SW ordinance to see if it meets the 2022 requirements.
- Discussion took place regarding several locations of potential projects and whether they would count towards Neshaminy Creek or Mill Creek DEP reductions/credits. There are discrepancies between project locations, eventual sewer pipe/curb runoff outfall locations (which may enter a different watershed than the project location/water source), and the original Carroll Engineering DEP plan which marked Station Ave as impacting the Neshaminy Creek (vs. being mainly in the Mill Creek watershed). Similar contradiction for Comly Ave. Liz to look into further for clarification. This will impact selection of potential projects for DEP credits.
- RVE also to estimate Comly Ave project DEP credits. Unlikely that this project will meet our 2024 goals?
- Liz to inquire whether the “clock gets reset” when we submit a revised DEP plan.
- Alicia to send Liz a photo of the swales at 608 Station for inclusion her revised/updated walk-through report.
- **Liz spoke about the need to issue notices of violation to residents who may be engaging in activities that violate the LMB stormwater ordinance.**

3. Other updates:

- Need for list of all swales? – yes, Liz would like us to document location of all swales, incl whether grass or rocks, and note direction of water flow. It was decided we would have this completed by the next SW meeting. This can also **be** used to construct a target audience list for the education component of our DEP MS4 requirements.
- Newsletter / web traffic stats
- Comly / bridge projects?
- Other?

4. Next meeting – Monday November 22 at 7:30pm? **Agreed to.**

Minutes prepared by Alicia Gasparovic, Stormwater Commission chairperson