

Oak Park Conservancy District 4230 Portage Place Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Board of Directors
Regular Business Meeting
April 14, 2021
5:30pm

The April 14, 2021 Board Meeting for the Oak Park Conservancy District was called to order by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Bruce Herdt, with the following persons present:

Bruce Herdt – Chairman
Wayne Storz – Board Member
Marshall Johnson– Vice Chairman
Keith Ingram – Superintendent
Amy Burton - Secretary / Financial Clerk

The Minutes for the meeting held on March 17th and Executive Session held on April 6th were approved as submitted.

Mr. Herdt requested old business. The Assistant Superintendent and Foreman submitted reports for the Board to review.

After reviewing the information received from various banks in the area, Ms. Burton recommended switching to First Savings Bank as they have quoted the highest interest rate. The Board agreed to have Ms. Burton meet with First Savings Bank and get more details as to when and how to switch banks.

The Newsletter has been mailed to property owners of the District. Information on Senate Bill 401 was included in the newsletter since it would affect the cost of sewer services if passed. Highway Press handled the printing and mailing.

The second vac-drum will be removed from the sludge building to make room for the new screw press.

The remaining bags of DE that were left over from the vac-drum system have been removed from the plant. T. Galligan Consultant has been billed \$5.00 per bag for 1507 bags for a total of \$7535.00. All other old business was covered under department reports.

Mr. Herdt requested the Wastewater and Stormwater Reports. Mr. Herdt met with Mr. Ingram and Ms. Burton regarding proposed Indiana Bill 401. An Executive meeting was held to discuss issues that could arise from adoption of this bill on April 6th.

On April 5th Mr. Ingram met with Mr. Ashack to discuss improvements to be performed within the granted easement for the Lancassange Station project. Mr. Ingram requested permission to plant trees on the city property that would replace what would be removed. That permission was granted.

As the Association of Indiana Conservancy Districts is no longer in operation, Mr. Ingram contacted the IDNR to determine who the contact persons would be. Mr. Ingram received a list of contact personnel from the IDNR on April 5th.

On March 16th, the Smith & Loveless grit removal system was delivered. Upon inspection of the delivered items, it was found that the support legs for the grit classifier was not included with the shipment. American Pump Repair began the installation of the grit system. On March 22nd, the operator manuals for the grit system were received from Smith & Loveless. During the installation of the grit classifier, it was found that the threaded fitting for the screw support shaft was not properly threaded to receive the greasing device. It was requested and agreed to that the shaft be replaced. The installation of the grit system was completed on March 26th. OPCD personnel were trained on the operation of the grit removal system the same day.

On March 18th, the DMR / MRO for February was submitted to IDEM electronically. There was a 98% removal for CBOD and a 94% removal for SS. There were no violations during the month of February.

On March 29th Pelton Engineering requested an approval of the Polymer and Booster pump skid that supports the new screw press. The equipment was approved, and manufacturing of those items has begun.

On March 31st Aspire Industries replaced the guide rails in the RAS pit. The existing rails were constructed with galvanized pipe and had begun to rot and break apart. The replacement rails are made of stainless steel and is a definite improvement.

On March 18th, the new control cabinet for the Lancassange lift station was received from Straeffer Pump. The cabinet has been inspected by BMV and the schematics have been reviewed to ensure there will be limited issues with changing out the controls for that station. BMV was contacted on March 26th to check on the project status. Mr. Ingram was informed that materials for the project have been received and progression was waiting for the removal of the trees at that location. After reviewing quotes David and Son Tree Service was contacted and instructed to remove the trees. That work was performed on April 13th. BMV was notified of the tree removal that same day.

On March 26th Mr. Ingram contacted Renaissance Design Build to check progress on the Allison Lane station project. Mr. Grimes requested to have access to the lift station for a visual inspection of the internal structure.

On March 30th OPCD personnel walked the Lancassange trunk line. There were no issues found along the trunk line that would indicate infiltration or damage to that infrastructure.

On April 6th sinkholes were found in the ditch line from 63 to 69 Forrest drive. The area was dye tested on April 7th. The infiltration seems to be the same issues that were previously point repaired by OPCD. Excel Excavating was contacted to make the needed repairs.

On April 7th BMV made repairs at Lancassange Station. The #2 pump's starting contactor had failed and needed to be replaced. After completing those repairs, Mr. Ingram requested that the wiring for the #2 RAS pump controls be inspected for a possible short due to an intermittent problem. The initial inspection found no issues with the wiring. The pump will continue to be monitored as we work through this issue.

On April 2nd, the resident at 3601 Seilo Ridge North reported a possible sewer backup. OPCD personnel found the lines were surged and in need of cleaning. The lines were cleared by OPCD personnel by use of the sewer cleaner. It was determined that an accumulation of grease contributed to the blockage.

On April 5th, the resident at 202 Creek Road reported a possible backup. OPCD personnel inspected the area and found the collection lines clear and flowing.

On March 15th, an employee was sent for Covid-19 testing due to possible exposure. The employee had a negative test result and returned to work on March 19th.

On March 17th, an additional employee was tested for Covid-19 due to possible exposure. The employee had a negative test result and returned to work on March 23rd.

On March 19th OPCD personnel participated in hydrogen sulfide training. The training covered different gasses that are present in the wastewater industry and safety measures that are to be taken to ensure personnel safety. The training was conducted by Bailey Safety.

On April 7th OPCD received a new AED to replace the old units on site. Replacement components for the older units are no longer available.

On April 6th Mr. Huckaby with OHM Advisors submitted a proposal for engineering services that are required as part of the MS4 program. The fees are comparable to what has been paid in the past for those services. The larger portion of expenses will be related to SWAC participation. Mr. Herdt signed the contract.

On March 23rd OPCD personnel removed debris from the waterway in the rear of 1011 Washington Way. The Riverside ditch was also inspected for debris that could impede the flow of stormwater.

On March 22nd Mr. Ingram met with the resident at 1011 Washington Way to inspect reported concerns with debris in the waterway to the rear of that property. The resident also expressed concern of trees that may fall due to being unstable. It was explained that the trees are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain.

Mr. Herdt requested the Secretary/Treasurer's Report. A meeting with Ms. Hardin and a representative of AFLAC will be meeting with the staff on April 16th to discuss the policies that are available to OPCD employees and to answer any insurance related questions.

Director's pay was included in this meeting's payroll payouts for the first quarter of 2021.

Bank Statements for March have been balanced and were reviewed and approved by Mr. Storz.

A motion to approve all submitted claims and financial reports was made and carried with a 3-0.

Mr. Herdt requested any new business. Mr. Ingram informed the Board that he would be on vacation the week of April 19th through April 23rd.

Since no other business was to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Herdt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Burton

Secretary & Financial Clerk,

Oak Park Conservancy District

amy Burton

We the undersigned, have examined the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 14, 2021 and found them to be true and accurate representations of the events as conducted, with all additions and corrections being noted on the next public board meeting minutes.

Bruce Herdt, Chairman

Marshall Johnson, Vice Chairman

Wayne Storz, Board Member