



WASTEWATER / STORMWATER

Oak Park Conservancy District
4230 Portage Place
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Board of Directors
Regular Business Meeting
September 15, 2021
5:30pm

The September 15, 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 - Absent

The Minutes for the meeting held on September 1, 2021, were approved as submitted.

Mr. Herdt requested old business.

As had been mentioned during the meeting on September 1st to circumvent the anticipated shortage of materials, an inventory of 10” and 12” SDR pipe has been purchased from EJP and is in storage on the plant property.

Mr. Herdt inquired if there had been any additional interest in acquiring the Alar Rotary Vac by Aspire Industries. Mr. Ingram responded there has been no additional interest in the equipment.

Mr. Herdt had contacted Mr. Gillenwater regarding the Inter Local Agreement with the City of Jeffersonville. It was questioned if the Inter Local Agreement would need to be amended due to the revision of the district boundary. It was the opinion of Mr. Gillenwater that as the revised boundary was presented and adopted as part of a legal proceeding which included both parties, it would not be necessary to negotiate a new Inter Local Agreement.

Mr. Johnson inquired about the status of the floating aerators. Mr. Ingram stated that warranty repairs were being conducted along with a requested design change to try and extend the operational life of the aerators. It is being considered to install aeration lines similar to those in the holding tank should the floating aerators continue to present operational issues.

The Assistant Superintendent and Foreman’s Reports were submitted for Board review.

Mr. Herdt requested the Wastewater and Stormwater Reports.

On Tuesday August 30th it was discovered that the priming vacuum line for the grit system had failed. Mr. Trich replaced the vacuum line, and the grit system was returned to operation the same day. Mr.

Storz expressed concern over the failure of the vacuum line considering the equipment was recently put into operation. Mr. Ingram agreed with the concern but had no answer as to the premature failure of the vacuum line.

On Tuesday August 31st Stemler Plumbing was contacted to perform the annual test on the plant Pressure Relief Valve. The test was conducted on September 9th and is an annual requirement of Watson Water.

On Thursday September 2nd the control cabinet for the new screw press was positioned and anchored to the floor. BMV was contacted and informed that we are ready for the installation of the conduit to connect to the new press. Mr. Mueller was instructed to begin moving forward with the wiring requirements for the installation of the screw press.

On Monday August 30th the motor on pump #2 failed at Allison Lane Station. Aspire Industries was contacted to make repairs to the motor. It was found that the bearings had ceased up in the motor and needed replacement. The motor was repaired and returned to service within 72 hours.

Following the rain event on Monday August 30th OPCD personnel dye tested sink holes at 83 and 85 Forest Drive. It was verified that there was infiltration into the collection lines at both locations. Excel Excavating was contacted to make the needed repairs at both locations.

On Thursday September 2nd BMV replaced the primary disconnect box for Beechwood Station. The poor internal and external condition of the existing disconnect prompted this upgrade. OPCD personnel participated in temporary generator training during this project. Mr. Swinney conducted the training. Mr. Storz asked if the disconnect was part of the electrical upgrades at that station. Mr. Ingram stated that the disconnect was not part of those upgrades.

On Monday August 30th Mr. Ingram met with the property owner at 403 PamPaw regarding their ongoing lateral issues. It was clearly explained who is responsible to maintain the lateral from the point of connection to the home. The house is on a common lateral, so Mr. Ingram explained the challenge that that type of connection creates. The property owner was thankful of the time that was taken to clarify the responsibility of all parties as it applies to the sanitary lines.

On Friday September 3rd the resident at 45 Beechwood Road contacted the office with concerns about the condition of the lateral servicing the home. The resident was informed that the lateral had collapsed. The question again was discussed regarding the responsibility of maintaining the lateral.

On Friday September 3rd OPCD personnel participate in LOTO training. The training was conducted by Bailey Safety.

On Friday September 3rd Mr. Ingram met with Mr. Huckaby to discuss the upcoming IDEM inspection of the post construction requirements. During the meeting the proposed FOL drainage project was discussed.

On Thursday September 2nd a replacement starter was ordered for the DR Mower. The started was ordered through Acme Auto Electric.

On Friday September 3rd Mr. Burden inspected the drainage infrastructure at 926 and 1004 Pennsylvania Ave. It was determined that erosion repairs were needed at both locations.

On Friday September 10th Excel Excavating began working on the drainage project on Saratoga Drive. Upon completion the rear drainage will be improved for 12 properties in the 700 block of Saratoga Drive. This project was completed on September 13th. This area will be monitored over the next few weeks to address any settling issues that may arise.

On Monday August 30th the resident at 904 Marquise Ct reported the storm water drainage pipe in the rear of the property was clogged. An inspection found no obstructions within the pipe.

On Tuesday August 31st a resident in the Senate Ave area contacted the office with concerns over the condition of the rear easements in that neighborhood. The concern is that property owners are not maintaining the rear easement associated with their properties. This subject should be added to the next newsletter.

On Tuesday August 31st, the resident at 1001 Executive Ct expressed concerns over the poor roadside drainage conditions in the cul-de-sac. Mr. Ingram informed the resident that the drainage infrastructure will be replaced soon. This will be a joint project with the City of Jeffersonville. Mr. Bischof with the city of Jeffersonville and Mr. Galligan with Excel Excavating will be coordinating their efforts to ensure this project is conducted as efficiently as possible.

On Friday September 3rd Mr. Walling reported a concern of the resident at 1103 Sandstone Drive. An inspection of the property indicated there is no buried infrastructure requiring maintenance by OPCD personnel. The sink hole on the property appears to be outside of the designated rear drainage easement.

Mr. Herdt requested the Secretary/Treasurer's Report.

Ms. Burton and Mr. Ingram met with City of Jeffersonville regarding the pre-approval form required for city permitting. They are going to integrate the form into their website so customers can fill it out and submit it to Oak Park, Oak Park will then approve it and sent it back to Planning and Zoning. This will alleviate customers making several stops before they receive a permit. And would lessen the need for customers to visit the Oak Park Office.

A list of tax-exempt properties billed for sewer service fees has been sent to Directors. Ms. Burton compared the entities being billed to the exempt properties on the List of Freeholders. There may be a couple of properties that have not been previously billed. Those properties were included on the list. There was a discussion regarding the billing for commercial and not for profit parcels within the boundaries of the conservancy district. It was agreed upon that all sewer service fees for commercial and not for profits are to be reviewed and approved of by the directors prior to billing.

Budget Form 3 has been submitted through gateway. This form is the Notice to Taxpayers of the Budget hearings that are scheduled October 13th and 27th. Figures were used from last year's budget. If switching to flat rate, Ms. Burton will check with DLGF on the update.

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

Mr. Herdt requested any new business.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Keith Ingram
Superintendent,
Oak Park Conservancy District

We the undersigned, have examined the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 23, 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