

PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020

6:45 P.M.

- Roll Call** Walt Sackinsky presiding. Board member Brian Lucot was present. Also in attendance were: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager; Tom Bonidie, Code Enforcement Officer; Irving Firman, Esq., Township Solicitor; and Aaron Laughlin, Public Works Director.
- Purpose of the Meeting** The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with a general overview of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). which is a yearly MS4 requirement.
- Introduction** Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that MS4 is an acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The MS4 process was initiated by DEP and came into effect in 2003. The purpose of MS4 is to more efficiently manage stormwater runoff. The more use of non-permeable material increases stormwater that flows into the stormwater system. This causes flooding and the polluting of freshwater streams.
- What has the Township Done to Comply with MS4?** Mrs. Fosbaugh commented that over the years, the DEP has increasingly mandated difficult and expensive procedures that the Township must adhere to. The Township adopted a new Stormwater Management Ordinance that requires developers and residents to manage stormwater more efficiently when they are building new homes, additions and things of that nature. The ordinance requires developers to install Stormwater Management Ponds which hold the water and releases it slowly to help prevent flooding. Public Works maintains all stormwater ponds owned by the Township. The Township soon will be inspecting and monitoring stormwater ponds that are owned by Homeowners' Associations. Public Works is very active in inlet repair and maintenance. The Public Works garages have a wash bay with a recapturing system. The Township employs a part-time litter collector which helps keep litter from washing into the catch basins. The Township is working with Allegheny County to install a series of cascading ponds that will help hold back the water in the Broughton area; however, this is still in the development phase.

What can the residents do?

Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that there are a number of ways that homeowners can assist in effectively managing stormwater, such as:

- Clean up after your pets, and do not allow animal feces to remain unattended which eventually wash into the storm sewers and end up in the creeks and streams. Do not place feces in yard waste collection bags;
- Utilize rain barrels, which is a collection system that stores runoff from the roofs of houses;
- Never dispose of used oil of any kind (cooking, motor oil, etc.), cleaning supplies, paint or any household hazardous waste by pouring them down any part of the storm sewer system, either in your floor drain or a catch basin in the street. A brochure is being provided for residents entitled, "Guidelines for Maintaining Streams for Your Community."

Assessing Stormwater on Your Property

Mrs. Fosbaugh informed the audience that informational packets are available on the table in the rear of the Board Room, which also refer to various websites. Residents can visit the Township website where there are links referencing MS4. Also included in the packet is the MS4 Presentation. At each monthly Board of Supervisors' meeting, a MS4 Report is given to update residents.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public audience.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Lucot to adjourn the meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Time: 6:54 p.m.