

PUBLIC HEARING**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017****6:45 P.M.**

- Roll Call** David Buchewicz presiding. Board members Walt Sackinsky and Ed Snee were present. Also in attendance were: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager; Dennis McDonough, Chief of Police; Gary Wargo, Code Enforcement Officer; and Carolyn Yagle, Planning Consultant. Absent: Bruce Beaver, Director of Public Works.
- Purpose of Hearing** The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment from the residents of South Park Township regarding the Township's Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP), as required by DEP under the mandates of MS4.
- Presentation** **Mrs. Fosbaugh** – Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) that South Park Township is required to submit under the mandates of MS4, an acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. South Park Township has met the guidelines in that the PRP has been available for public inspection and comment for 45 days. At this time, there have been no comments or concerns raised with regard to this matter. Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that the PRP is basically the Township's plan of action to reduce pollution in the impaired watersheds which are Peters Creek and Piney Fork Creek. Impaired means that the streams have higher than acceptable levels of phosphorous also known as nutrient levels. This does not necessarily mean pollution. This could mean organic phosphorous that is naturally occurring such as animal waste, decomposing leaf waste, or even originating from an upstream community. There is also phosphorous presence that is not naturally occurring such as fertilizer that residents apply to their yards, pesticides, runoff from parking lots or driveways, or any kind of chemical. The PRP submittal includes calculations with regard to the Piney Fork Sewage Treatment Plant and the impact the treatment process has upon the nutrient levels in the stream. These calculations are part of South Park Township's response to mitigating the high phosphorous levels. If the PRP is approved this evening, the document will be forwarded with the Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for comment.

{There were no comments from residents or any other officials present at the meeting.}

Action

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to close the Public Hearing. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to adjourn the Public Hearing. All members voted aye. Motion carried

Time: 6:50 p.m.