

**Radnor Township**  
**Stormwater Management Advisory Committee (SWMAC)**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2014 Meeting**



**Meeting Minutes:**

Amendments to meeting minutes:

- Add word “committee” in second sentence after “All” and before “members were in attendance.”
- Correct stormwater email address to stormwater@radnor.org  
Maya moved to approve; Paul seconded – all said yes

**Meeting Minutes:**

In attendance – Jim major working for Compliance Management International and plans to respond to RFP for SW Administrator; Bob Zienkowski, John Nagle, Don Curley

**Public Comment:**

The question was asked if there will be a special email address created for stormwater ordinance comments.

Agreed not to discuss North Wayne Field at June 12, 2014 meeting but for committee members to go to June 30 public meeting scheduled to discuss.

Heather did presentation before Board of Commissioners as agreed to by committee.

Heather had coordinated with Elaine to discuss committee’s role and tasks. Paul asked for clarification on our role via ~~a~~-via-specific projects.

Heather responded that we would recommend implementation of projects using funds collected; board is setting the pace regarding specific project approvals and they will ask the SWMAC for feedback.

Bob said the North Wayne Field project has been approved by the Board and that the project is a done deal. At this time, the committee does not have a role in giving any feedback on that project.

Steve briefly reviewed our role that was laid out in the resolution.

**Interim Ordinance language:**

Heather asked for individual comments to be sent to her a week prior to next BOC meeting. Next BOC mtg is July 10, 2014.

**Membership Information**

Heather asked for each committee member to draft a paragraph or two about themselves that can be included on the website.

**Project Priority Sheet**

Question – how much money is available for use?

North Wayne field park basin cost \$142,500 for design and \$581,099 for construction – total cost \$718,000

Steve asked for support of committee to work on Marlbridge Rd culvert. Pictures were shared and Steve described the headwall split, cracks, and curb settling/subsiding. The estimated cost is \$252,000.

There was discussion that the bridge was used by 10 people. Could this road be blocked off and how big of an inconvenience would it be for residents.

Question – how did the Marlbridge Culvert become the choice priority over other infrastructure projects? Steve advised the SWMAC that he frequently inspects Township culverts and that this culvert was extremely deteriorated. Heather stated that she wanted to replace this culvert to avoid a culvert collapse like the culvert at Chamounix Road. Charles stated that the road would only be closed for 10 people if the culvert failed. Is that an inconvenience, maybe block off the road? Heather stated that if the culvert failed in a large storm event it could create a liability issue.

Steve also wants to do formal evaluation of Malin – cost benefit of replacement verses repair.

The third infrastructure project Steve advised our SWMAC was the Mill Road project south-east of Bryn Mawr Avenue Joe stated that this is a very important street in 5<sup>th</sup> ward and one of the most important township maintained in this part of Radnor. Steve concurred.

Steve also described 102 Arbor Place – water collects in area. This could be a unique/creative project. Steve said that in the past, the township has allowed things to happen that resulted in stormwater problems for homeowners. Regina said it should only be township created problems. Maya said it should be about solving stormwater issues in the township, not necessarily that it limited to specific township structures or actions. There was a brief discussion on the fact that this would be a SW project on privately owned SFR-1 parcel. Several members expressed very serious concerns about the use of SW fee revenue for this type of activity at all.

**Comment [JS: 1]:** Don't remember Steve asking for approval. He did want to make us aware of this unique situation.

**Comment [JS: 2]:** I was one and am happy to be named by name but I know others expressed a similar opinion.

Charles asked about how projects are being prioritized/selected. There was discussion of project prioritization and that it will take time to undertake, potentially until the end of the year, that the funds under discussion are 1/3 of the funds available in total for this year, and so makes sense to undertake those projects immediately while the prioritization happens. The list provided to date was prepared by Steve. Commissioners will want the SWMAC to prepare a 5 year project plan with associated costs verses project time line at some point in the future.

There was a discussion on the prioritization of the emergency stormwater culvert/pipe repair/replacements and the SWMAC agreed to the following priority based upon impact to the safety of Radnor residents: 1) Mill Rd, 2) Malin Rd and 3) Marlbridge Drive

**Paul motioned that we recommend to the BOC the funding of in priority order: the Mill Road, Malin Road and Marlbridge Drive projects, Maya seconded the motion Unanimous approval**

Regina wants to address projects because they are warranted, not because there is an urgency just to do things. Paige asked how much money has been spent in recent years on infrastructure projects. Regina suggests that we should ask the board for additional funds from the commissioners.

### **Credits program**

What would credit be given for – volume, rate, water quality, one or some? Paul highlighted Indianapolis that always requires some level of volume reduction in order to get credit. It was suggested that Radnor's program should similarly require some level of volume reduction.

Idea was discussed to allow for a level of trading – if you do volume reduction that is of benefit to Radnor Township, anywhere in the township or even outside of the township then can get a credit. Another option is to give larger credit during the construction year but it diminishes over time to account for potential reduction and stormwater value to the township, to accommodate monitoring, etc.

There was discussion about a grants program to assist with projects. It seemed to be agreed that volume reduction must be a high priority. Possibly seek out promising SWM projects.

Another path is to identify projects that the township can do on private properties – they would get the value of the investment in their property, and in those cases when the property owner takes responsibility to maintain then they get stormwater credit, if they do not and the township maintains then they don't get credit.

Summary of what most of the SWMAC agreed to:

- Small incentives/gifts programs for private property owners – e.g. rain barrels, native plants, etc
- A credit for ODP 2 to 7 if do a specific level of activity but project have some minimum cost – perhaps \$1,000, perhaps 2500k, perhaps 4000k.
- Identify grant program and work with private commercial properties to implement SWM BMP's.
- Identify and plan for capital improvement projects that the township would implement on private property – if the Township maintains the SWM facility, then there would not be a credit, if property owner maintains then they would receive some type of credit.
- In every instance to qualify we are going to prioritize volume reduction as a mandate and priority.

Township met with AT&T. AT&T said they were open to working with the Township. A meeting was held with SEPTA and they volunteered to contribute up to \$100,000.00 for SWM on the north side parking lot. The Township would be responsible for the design aspect of the project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm