



Special Meeting of PLSLWD Board
Monday, January 12, 2009
Location: PLSLWD Building Conference Room

Members Present: Larry Mueller, Bill Schmokel, Roger Wahl, Craig Gontarek,
Bill Kallberg

PLSLWD Managers Absent: None

Staff Present:

Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Jim Eggen, District Technician
Joshua Mankowski, District Technician
Stacy Sass, District Water Resources Technician

Others Present:

Kathy Nielsen, Spring Lake Township Clerk
Mick Borka, Spring Lake Township Supervisor
Michael Cronin, Spring Lake Township Planner

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Spring Lake Township Land Use Plan. Mike Cronin reviewed the Township's land use development plan with everyone present. The township would like to develop lot by lot, in a more dispersed pattern instead of clustered development selected for the area. They would like to design development around the current natural setting. The Board stated that conceptually, the development plan seems sound, however, a process to evaluate water retention and conveyance needs to be developed. Concerns were raised pertaining to the redevelopment of existing township roads and their use of BMPs as well as the locations of existing drain tile in areas that will be developed. Further discussions were planned to review how the proposed LID development plan fits in with the volume management concerns of the District.

Easement Appraisal report. The outlet structure easement appraisal for the Morlock property was handed out for the board members to take home to review prior to the upcoming regular board meeting.

Cost-share docket. Copies of the proposed Scott SWCD docket were handed out for future consideration. The Board also discussed costs associated with the district engineer. It was proposed for consideration that Wenck be utilized more for special projects on an as needed basis. It was also discussed that it might also be better if board meetings were held earlier, thus increasing the availability of the district engineer, as well as lowering the cost for their attendance. Concern was raised that some members

of the public that would like to attend might not be able to attend earlier meetings. A change of meeting time will be discussed more in a later meeting.

Water Resources Management Plan. President Gontarek stated that he would like less discussion to be done on the outlet channel and to concentrate more on what is going on upstream as the outlet is well on its way to be completed. He stated that larger incentives might need to be given to developers and other property owners to entice them to incorporate more BMPs. He also reiterated that this district needs to concern itself more with volume than other Districts since such a large area drains into a lake with only a single small outlet.

Mike Kinney brought up the issue of liability to the board. He stated that the District is not able to take on the liability from surrounding properties if there is water damage due to flooding if there was a large storm event over the watershed. He proposed that it would be a good idea to have on record a letter to all property owners stating that even though there is a designated minimum elevation for buildings, they may be at or below a level that could be reached by the lake in the event of a significant rain storm. Furthermore, the District is not responsible for damages that may occur if this level was ever to be reached.

It was agreed that volume control is very important within the district. A more detailed study should be done to better look at possible areas where we could increase water retention not only in current wetlands but the location of historic wetlands that are currently agricultural fields. It was noted that the percent watershed contribution of the area should also be looked at, as it does not help to create increased water retention in an area that does not contribute much water in the watershed. All agreed that Spring Lake Township needs to be on board with all volume mitigation discussions and should be allowed to see all current studies so they can be applied to the township's development. The Township will be sent copies of existing volume and wetland restoration studies.

The board followed with a discussion, review and update of the goals and policies of the Water Resources Management Plan.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM.

Craig Gontarek, President

William Schmokel, Secretary