

MINUTES

MS4 Advisory Committee – October 10, 2018

The fifth meeting of the MS4 Advisory Committee of Lower Swatara Township convened at 6:00 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

Nancy Avolese	Chris DeHart	Chuck Garber	Tom Harvey
Peter Henninger	Lester Lanman	Bill Leonard	Betsy McBride
Ron Paul	Jessica Silcox	Lori Suski	Lou Vogel
Michael Winfield	Mary Lou Witmer		

Also in attendance, representing engineering firm, HRG, was:

Bruce Hulshizer

Recap, News & Updates

Brief discussion took place on past meetings.

A flyer received from the Dauphin County Conservation District and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding a workshop to take place on Wednesday, November 14,, from 1:00 to 3:00, was distributed to the committee and a copy is attached. Anyone interested in attending must RSVP by November 12.

Bruce Hulshizer guided the topics of discussion and used a presentation, a copy of which is attached.

Public Outreach

A draft of a postcard, which is attached, was distributed. The final version will be used as a mailing to the residents of Lower Swatara Township.

Impervious Area Data

Over 30% of the parcels in Lower Swatara Township are real estate tax exempt. The average square foot for residential parcels is 3750.

Rate Models / Fee Types

Discussion continued from previous meetings on whether fees should be flat for all residential properties regardless of size of parcel. Note was made that perhaps MS4 fees should be instituted similar to the current sewer fee which is flat for all residences regardless of size of household. There seems to be a lack of consensus on whether fees should be tiered based on size of parcel or flat for all residential properties.

Credits

Similar to the discussion on fees, there seems to be a lack of consensus on credits. Questions remain as to whether there should be credits, whether the credits should be limited in terms of dollars and duration. There did seem to agreement that credits, if issued, should require a re-

application in those cases where there is a change of ownership for the parcel. Discussion on hardship cases took place.

Bruce discusses two types of credits, Low Impact Parcel and Stormwater Partnership.

It was agreed that additional comments could be emailed to the township manager regarding the MS4 discussions to date. Some comments were received and have been summarized and attached.

Lastly, mention was made that if credits are established, processes would have to be created to monitor the credits and to establish appeals processes.

Closing Questions and Discussions

A joint meeting was discussed for November 1 which would include this Advisory Committee, the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners and the Municipal Authority. Subsequent to this discussion, a joint meeting has been scheduled for October 30 at 6:15 p.m. at the township building.

The sixth meeting of the MS4 Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for November 8 at 6:15.