

STORMWATER PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
September 28, 2015

Members Present:

Jack Minner
Brenda Roosevelt
Gussie Glasper
Larry Trucano
Lori Daiber
Rick Fancher
Rick Macho
Mayor Allen Adomite

Members Absent:

Robert Pollard
Kelly Tracy
Richard Worthen
Dennis Webber
Marty Reynolds

Others Present:

Matt Brandmeyer
Janet Buchanan
Steve Brendel
Andi Yancey
Kevin Jemison

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Minner.

Gussie Glasper made a motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2014. Seconded by Mayor Adomite. Brenda Roosevelt abstained. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion approved.

Introduction of New Members:

Jack Minner welcomed Brenda Roosevelt, County Board Member, to the Stormwater Commission and introduced her to Commission members.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Matt Brandmeyer updated the Commission on the progress of the Stormwater Master Plan since they last convened and provided each commission member with a copy of the Stormwater Master Plan and the Silver Creek Watershed Plan, explaining that the plans are draft documents and staff is seeking insight and recommendations from commission members.

Matt explained that the purpose of the Master Plan is to develop a comprehensive approach to the stormwater issues facing Madison County. He stated that the Department will continue to collaborate with townships and municipalities in this effort as they will be subject to the plan as well unless they are able to

meet the requirements to opt-out. Matt detailed some of the hard work that has gone into the development of this plan, explaining that it has evolved from a low-information, complaint-driven effort into a high-information, data-driven effort. He stated that we are getting close to completing the Stormwater Master Plan but there is still some work to be done.

Matt presented a PowerPoint* overview of the Stormwater Master Plan draft, introducing the planning principals and explaining the context and issues that necessitated the development of a comprehensive stormwater plan. Matt used watershed maps and photo evidence to illustrate the predominant stormwater challenges facing Madison County, noting that each municipality's stormwater practices affects the next. He presented the plan's objectives and policy recommendations. Matt concluded by discussing the adoption, implementation, and funding of the county-wide stormwater plan. He explained that the plan would be implemented by developing watershed plans, developing and improving ordinances, and improving and adding-to existing stormwater programs.

Mayor Adomite inquired about education and outreach efforts for municipal plan commission members, stating that they will play a role in plan adoption and should be aware of the principals and best practices being discussed. The Commission continued discussion.

Janet Buchanan of Heartland's Conservancy presented a draft of the Silver Creek Watershed Plan. Janet explained that the watershed encompasses much of Troy, Hamel, and Marine and was on the IEPA's 303d list for impaired waters. Janet walked the Commission through the process of developing the plan – detailing the public outreach efforts, data collection, and the identification of issues the watershed plan should address. Once the issues were identified, Janet and a technical committee developed a list of best management practices (BMPs) to address the challenges identified within the watershed. Janet explained that the next watershed they will be addressing is the Cahokia Creek Watershed.

Matt Brandmeyer spoke to the creation of the watershed plans in relation to the overall Master Stormwater Plan as an effort to effectively manage localized stormwater challenges. He said as they continued through the Silver Creek process, they have been reconciling aspects of both plans.

Rick Macho addressed the Commission on behalf of the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District, explaining that the IL Department of Agriculture is facing budget cuts and would no longer fund the District. Rick asked that the Commission write a letter to state legislators asking for the continued funding of the District.

Steve Brendel updated the Commission on the MS4 Co-Committee group, explaining that they would like to divide the groups further to better address the challenges each area is facing. They plan to move to 9 meetings per year instead of 4 with fewer members attending each meeting. This will help MS4 members get more out of the program as it will be better tailored to each member's needs.

Adjournment

Rick Fancher made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Brenda Roosevelt. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned.

*Please note that copies of the PowerPoint Presentation are available upon request. Inquire with Andi Yancey from the Planning and Development Department.