

Nine Mile Creek Watershed District

Board of Managers

Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

Call to Order

Chair Lynch called the special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to order at 5:00 pm, Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District office, 7710 Computer Avenue, Suite 135, Edina, MN.

Managers Present: Lynch, Twele, Kloiber, Peterson, Segreto

Managers Absent: None

Advisors Present: Kevin Bigalke, Erica Sniegowski, Bob Obermeyer, Louis Smith

Agenda

I. Permit #2014-40: Walser Buick Parking Lot Expansion, Bloomington:

Engineer Obermeyer presented the permit application for a 1850 square foot parking lot expansion. Obermeyer stated that the parking lot expansion is actually on City of Bloomington property and that Walser has a lease agreement with the City of Bloomington to use the area for their project. Obermeyer stated that the project is proposing to use an underground treatment system for water quality, rate control, and to meet the District's retention requirements. They are using a stormceptor device for pre-treatment.

Obermeyer stated staff is recommending approval with the conditions of a \$40,300 surety, a copy of the lease agreement with the City of Bloomington, and soil borings.

Manager Segreto moved to approved the permit with the stated conditions, second by Manager Twele. Upon a vote, the permit was approved unanimously.

II. Atlas 14 presentation by Barr Engineering

Bob Obermeyer stated that Barr Engineering has been working on an update to the District's flood modeling using the data from Atlas 14. Obermeyer stated that Atlas 14 is an update to Technical Paper 40 (TP 40) which is used to determine the 100 year flood elevation of Nine Mile Creek. Obermeyer stated that Janna Kieffer, Sara Stratton, and Greg Franzen from Barr are in attendance to present the findings.

Janna Kieffer presented information on the history of flood management in the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. Kieffer stated that the District's first overall plan was done in 1961. This plan designated a floodplain and highlighted the importance of land use in floodplain management. Kieffer stated that the District's 1973 plan identified potential flood storage areas and projects. The areas and projects included Mud Lake in Bredesen Park, Braemar Golf Course, Normandale Lake, and Marsh Lake.

Sarah Stratton presented on the model used to look at Atlas 14. Stratton stated that the SWMM (Storm Water Management Model) model was used. Stratton stated that 3065 subwatersheds were modeled in the Nine Mile Creek Watershed. Stratton stated that there is a change in the model moving from TP 40 to Atlas 14 for the 24 hour, 100 year storm event. Stratton stated that in TP 40 the 100 year event was 6 inches, in Atlas 14 the 100 year event was 7.5 inches. This is a 25% increase.

Greg Franzen presented the Phase I SWMM model updates and the results in more detail.

There was a Board discussion on the potential regulatory ramifications of adopting Atlas 14.

Administrator Bigalke stated that MNDOT has already started to use Atlas 14. Bigalke also said that he has been encouraging permit applicants to start using Atlas 14 rather than TP 40.

Obermeyer stated that the next steps are to continue with Phase 2 which will include a fine tuning of the modeling and to develop new flood plain profiles.

Bigalke stated that staff will work with the Cities in the District to begin discussing the impacts of Atlas 14, that staff will start to look at the District rules and to consider regulatory implications of adopting Atlas 14.

III. Water Resource Center Visioning & Strategic Planning

Administrator Bigalke stated that he and Education/Outreach Coordinator Erica Sniegowski have been discussing the need to develop a number of items regarding the District's new office. Bigalke stated that the items include: Marketing/Branding, Logo development, & Website update.

Sniegowski stated that a new logo could be developed to help launch the District's new office and to better represent the Nine Mile Creek Watershed. Sniegowski stated that there were several approaches that could be used to develop a new logo. She said the District could hold a logo contest and that there were websites the District could use to solicit logo design.

Sniegowski said the District could also hire a graphic design consultant to design a new logo.

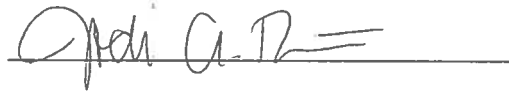
Sniegowski stated that the District could use a focus group led by a facilitator to help generate ideas about the District and what they think of the District and the watershed.

Bigalke and Sniegowski also state that it would be beneficial for the District to develop a marketing/branding plan for the new office/facility. Bigalke stated that the plan would guide the District in establishing a brand for the new facility and identify how and where to marketing it. Sniegowski state that this would be done by a marketing/communications consultant.

The Board directed staff to develop ideas on how approach the development of a new logo and a marketing/branding plan. The approaches should include potential firms, time, and costs.

Manager Kloiber moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Manager Segreto. Upon a vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jodi Peterson", is written over a horizontal line.

Jodi Peterson, Secretary

