

**Storm Water Management and
Non-Point Pollution Mitigation Committee
Meeting Minutes & Notes**

Saturday, January 10, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Twin Lakes, Village Hall
Meeting called to order by:	G. Wrench, Chairperson	
Committee attendance:	G. Wrench, Chairperson B. Robinson C. Saul, Writer J. Kennedy	
Committee not in attendance	J. Klokow R. Polit M. Schmunk G. Sobotka	
Commissioners:	R. Livingston	
Others :	D. Griffin (Trustee liaison) J. Gresenz (Trustee)	

Motion(s) made:

Motions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes of 10/4/03 were seconded by B. Robinson and approved noting only that personal phone numbers should not be included. - Minutes of 11/8/03 were seconded by B. Robinson and approved without comment. - Minutes of 12/9/03 were seconded by B. Robinson and approved noting only that the EPA model ordinance website address should have been listed as: http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/ordinance/mol6.htm
Motion to adjourn meeting:	J. Kennedy, at noon
Secretary	C. Saul

Note: **Next meeting**
Date: **Thursday, February 12, 2004**
Time: **7:00 p.m.**
Place: **Twin Lakes Village Hall, 108 Main Street**

Meeting Notes

Old Business

A. Quorum:

G. Wrench noted that G. Sobotka had resigned the Committee. The quorum would now be 4 of the 7 members.

B. Non-Phosphorus Fertilizer:

D. Griffin reported that use of the Village marquee was available. **B. Robinson to coordinate together with Do It Best Hardware marquee.**

D. Griffin also noted that posting village- wide signs was permitted with Village Board approval and Lake District funds. **G. Wrench to coordinate.**

D. Griffin finally noted that the Village would send out vendor letters explaining the fertilizer restrictions. **G. Wrench and D. Griffin to coordinate.**

R. Livingston suggested that the most comprehensive list of landscaping contractors is in the Silver Lake telephone directory.

B. Robinson expects to draft an article for the Twin Lakes Report regarding the fertilizer.

C. Storm Water Plan & Meeting with WDNR:

G. Wrench noted that the new storm water plan would be discussed at the 1/19/04 Village Board meeting, and encouraged the Storm Water Committee members to attend. R. Livingston distributed comments developed by himself, J. Jooss and G. Wrench regarding the storm water plan. The notes had been forwarded to D. Cox for discussion with the consultant. The comments included checking the size of certain culverts, the boundaries of particular basins, specific table errors, and multiple flooding problems not documented in the report. R. Livingston highlighted the “too brief” list of best management practices as a short coming of the report.

R. Livingston noted that certain of the recommended solutions within the plan were “old technology” and that more contemporary solutions would be more environmentally friendly and reduce storm water from being immediately channeled to the lakes.

G. Wrench and R. Livingston had been in contact with the DNR. The DNR has requested more information, including photos, describing the three major storm water problems described in the plan. G. Wrench further noted that our Committee needs to focus on prioritizing the projects, moving toward funds request and implementation. He noted that state grants for projects up to \$200,000 are available for 75% funding, although the submittal deadline is April of each year. Volunteer time, such as Committee participation, is acceptable as part of the 25% Village matching funds. Lake Elizabeth is not eligible for such grants at this time, because public access has been determined to be inadequate because of parking limitations. J. Gresenz commented that the Village budget is assembled from June through August of each year, and that requests would need to be then submitted if funds were to be available in 2005.

G. Wrench hoped to meet with T. Fischer of the DNR during the week of 1/12/04, although no appointment had been set. He welcomed Committee members to join him. G. Wrench commented that the grants workshop he had attended encouraged public participation and debate prior to solicitation of grant funding.

R. Livingston discussed the WDNR considering declaring Lake Elizabeth a “priority sensitive wetland”. Apparently such a declaration would impose stronger watershed controls on the area. He had been attempting to coordinate a meeting with several WDNR and McHenry County officials to publicly discuss the measure.

D. L. Stohr Farm Run-off:

G. Wrench noted that the Stohr's farm storm water issue would be discussed with L. Stohr and the Village Board at 6:30 on 1/19/04. R. Livingston noted the two alternatives L. Stohr's had been confronted with. He further noted alternative measures available to deter this run-off from being deposited directly in Lake Mary utilizing a vertical spreader technique on County land adjacent the down hill side of the road.

D.Griffin noted that L. Stohr has been made aware of the severity of the run-off problem through Village officials. It was also noted that L. Stohr was reluctant to relocate his cattle for fear of losing the agricultural real estate tax discount.

E. Lake Water Testing:

D. Griffin also reported that the County tested lake water once monthly at three beaches (two at Lake Mary, one at Lake Elizabeth). While the County would be willing to perform testing more frequently, staffing limitations limits sample taking. Volunteers were welcomed.

F. Indian Point Channel:

No discussion

G. Storm Water Ordinances:

No discussion of the model ordinance

H. Shoreline Storm Water Projects:

D. Griffin reported that D. Cox had requested sewer maps of the vicinity of Wilmot Road and South Lake.

R. Livingston noted that various village catch basins in the vicinity of the downtown area had not been vacuumed out in eight years. D. Griffin noted that this was caused by the lack of availability of the Salem vacuum truck. **He agreed to contact Twin Lakes Public Works to investigate.**

New Business

A. Priorities Discussion:

The balance of the meeting was spent debating the priority of needed Lakes District expenditures. R. Livingston noted that substantial volunteer efforts were being invested in the design of shoreline projects at the Skybox, Lance Park and Lake Elizabeth Manor, and that funds were needed for materials.

J. Kennedy & C. Saul presented the importance of selecting a priority project from the new storm water plan, proceeding with plans and specifications, then soliciting bids and filing a request for funds from the Village and the WDNR. The discussion had no closure.