

TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 18, 2008 5:30 o'clock p.m.

STORMWATER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Sine called meeting to order at 5:26pm. Members in attendance: Ken Harbin, P.L. Mabry, Dan Sine, Jerry Strange, Ty Taylor. Absent: Bill Blankenship. Town Administrator Ed Booth was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE – lead by Dan Sine at 5:27pm.

AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVAL

Ken made a motion to approve minutes of October 21st meeting as presented. Ty seconded the motion. No discussion. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR – MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

Ty explained that there was a delay in dredging Floral Lake due to a problem with Verizon. Verizon needs to put lines underground. There is cost involved. Ty said that details were being worked out and that dredging would begin in Floral Lake within the next two to three weeks.

Town Administrator Ed Booth stated that sod had been installed at Magnolia Lake. There are several enhancements projects under discussion at this time such as the installation of a gazebo at one of the lakes. The town gazebo is presently being stored at Martin Field. Mr. Booth also stated that we would be installing the “compost sock” at Magnolia per recommendation made by Nicole Saladin, Coastal Training Program Coordinator for the North Inlet Research Reserve, rather than the bulkhead. The “sock” would significantly decrease the erosion problem and serve as an environmental solution to the erosion problems. Mr. Booth urged all Stormwater committee members to be present at the next town council meeting on Tuesday, December 9th. There has been some resistance to getting rid of waterfowl even though there is a federal mandate in place not to feed these birds. Mr. Booth said that we would not go on private property to remove birds. He also requested that Dan Sine, as chairman of the Stormwater Committee, comment at the council meeting in support of the removal of the waterfowl. Dan needs to explain that the large number of birds is contributing to the pollution of our lakes due to the large quantity of fecal matter. We need to be aware of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of fecal matter entering our lakes. All of this is connected with Phase 2 of the Stormwater permit.

Mr. Booth stated that we are ahead of schedule with the dredging. Dan would like to meet Mr. Cooper of Cooper Sand & Gravel. Ty said that he would arrange a meeting. Administrator Booth explained that the town would be selling dirt dredged from the lakes to the public. He and Public Works Director Taylor will be working out the details in the near future.

Ty reported on the status of the bid process for the Dogwood Lake bulkhead. He said that seven bids had been received ranging in price from one hundred to three hundred thousand dollars. Bids will be reviewed and a decision made in the near future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Sine opened the floor for public comments.

Bob Childs, 14th Avenue North asked if the compost sock is fast rooting. Per Nicole, “yes; the sock is designed to prevent erosion.”

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

P.L. Mabry wanted to discuss the number of meetings being held by the Stormwater committee. He asked if it was essential to meet once a month? P.L. suggested that the committee meet once every two months. Jerry Strange had not comment about the number of meetings other than to state that at each meeting he is always learning something new and expanding his knowledge. Ty Taylor agreed with P.L. stating that we could call a “special meeting” if needed. Ken Harbin said that he felt we would reach a point where monthly meeting will be necessary. Ken also stressed the need for workshops not just for committee members but the public as well. The committee concurred that with everyone’s hectic schedule there would be no meeting in December. Dan made a motion to schedule the next meeting for the third Tuesday in January 2009. Ty seconded the motion. No discussion. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR – MOTION CARRIED. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th, 2009 at 5:30pm. Jerry asked for clarification of the council meeting. Mr. Booth reiterated that meeting would be held on Tuesday December 9th at 6:30pm.

Ken Harbin said that a property owner at the Hermitage had requested information on the town’s 50/50 project in order to make improvements to the unprotected bank at that property. It would be environmentally smart for the town to partner with Hermitage property owners rather than to construct a bulkhead. Mr. Booth explained that it would be necessary for the committee to make a motion to council to expand the 50/50 project because right now 50/50 covers drainage ditches only and the project is currently suspended due to all the other projects we have ongoing at this time. Ken suggested that discussion of the Hermitage be put on the agenda for the January meeting.

Administrator Booth asked the committee to consider what the next enhancement project should be and where that project should take place. The committee should choose a site and get designs. Those designs should then be brought before the Beautification Committee to make a selection. P.L. suggested that the next enhancement project be done at Dogwood Lake. He said he would be happy to furnish a design. We need to get a consensus from the Stormwater committee and then move forward. Mr. Booth suggested getting schools such as HGTC involved with both the planning and the project. P.L. cautioned Mr. Booth that he, Mr. Booth, might have been misled in regard to the depth of Dogwood Lake.

The committee invited Nicole Saladin to speak. Nicole stressed the use of natural vegetative buffers wherever and whenever possible. Dogwood has a severe algae problem. The committee

may want to look at offering more than one project at a time to a contractor. Chances are the town would get a better rate if we were able to utilize that same contractor at more than one site. Nicole also said that she did not know the actual cost of the compost sock. Dan stated that he liked the idea of staying native with the vegetation. Maintenance is certainly an issue. Native landscaping can be let go. This could also serve as an example for other areas in town.

Mr. Childs was allowed to ask when would the “sock” be installed at Magnolia Lake? Per Administrator Booth, “a.s.a.p.” Jerry asked if that would stop the erosion. Per Nicole, “yes it would.” Ken asked Mr. Booth about that Budget Workshop. “Would issues like grass carp and vegetative barriers be brought before council at that workshop?” Mr. Booth explained that there is no need to bring those issue to council. If the cost is below five thousand dollars the Stormwater committee and staff can make those determinations. It was agreed that five thousand dollars is probably more than enough money to restock fish in the lakes. Alan Bec of 10th Avenue North was allowed to state that the cost of fish was \$25.00 per acre for Dogwood. Ty said that he would formulate a cost plan and place this item on the January agenda. We would have to decide which lakes would need barriers before restocking takes place. April and May of the best months to stock. Mr. Childs recommended that we do one lake at a time and get it finished. Chairman Sine asked if there were any other comments. P.L. added that fish would reduce maintenance costs for the lakes.

ADJOURN

Ken Harbin made a motion to adjourn. Ty Taylor seconded. No discussion. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR – MOTION CARRIED. Meeting was adjourned at 6:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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