

**ROCHELLE STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (SWAC)**  
**MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 13, 2013**

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**Call to order**

In absence of Chairman, the Deputy City Clerk called to order the regular meeting of the Rochelle Stormwater Advisory Commission at 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2013 in the City Hall Chambers.

**Roll call**

Present on roll call: Commission members Mike Pierce, Kent Reed, and Ron Stonebraker. Absent: Tom Huddleston, Chuck Cawley, and Wayne Page. Three voting members present; had a quorum. Also present were City Engineer Sam Tesreau, Deputy City Clerk Judy Schermerhorn, and Ray Rainwater from the Drainage District.

In the absence of Chairman Huddleston, Mr. Reed nominated and seconded by Mr. Stonebraker, Mr. Pierce for Chairman Pro-Tem. Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**Approval of minutes of January 9, 2013:**

**Moved by Mr. Stonebraker and seconded by Mr. Reed. "I move the minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting be approved." Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.**

**Public Commentary:** None

**Old Business:**

- 1) **Greater Rochelle base floodplain/elevation study update:**
  - Resubmitted to IDNR with final concurrence expected by the end of May 2013
  - The floodplain study will then move onto FEMA and its expected six to nine months for their review.
  - A 60-day comment period will be posted once FEMA concurs with study.
  - Once FEMA approves the final floodplain study and map documents then the map panel revisions will take place by FEMA. Not sure how long this will take place at this time.

**New Business:**

- 1) **Lake Sule Area:** As was requested at last meeting, Mr. Tesreau talked to Eric Christensen and Dale Wood, of the Flagg Rochelle Community Park District, in regards to Lake Sule and possibility of using the lake for water detention storage which would involve lowering the water level. This meeting took place at Lake Sule.
  - Mr. Tesreau showed pictures of what things look like (as of January).
  - There is an 18" field tile draining excess water from the southerly field east of Americold that appears to runs consistently. This is not an overflow pipe from the Lake according to Dale Wood.

- Recently the drainage district did work in area but Sam expressed concern of materials left piled up along the top of bank and has received complaints from a few property owners including the park district. Ray Rainwater, representing the Kyte River drainage district, assured him they would be taking care of the excess spoils dredged from the creek soon as the weather allowed.
- It appears the Lake Sule outlet, into the Ryley ditch near the footbridge, needed erosion control as the smaller rip rap had been blown out. Therefore, the park district, according Dale Wood installed larger concrete pieces for erosion control as well as along the Lake banks to reduce the wave action from further eroding the banks. However, Dale indicated the water level hasn't changed that much.
- According to Eric Christiansen and Dale Wood the Park District uses Lake Sule for a recreational facility.
  - It is approximately 16 feet at the deepest part and as shallow as 4 -5 feet according to some measurements they have taken.
  - If lowered will be detrimental to fish and other aquatic life that it was intended for.
  - Boat dock now sitting on dry ground and fluctuates depending on dry conditions. This will be unusable for recreational boats if any lower.
- The facility stills acts as a stormwater facility even if nothing is done to change the Lake levels.
- The park district doesn't want to lower lake levels and cause further impacts to the fish and wildlife. He will stay in touch with the park district to evaluate other potential uses for stormwater management.

2) **Other Items of Discussion:**

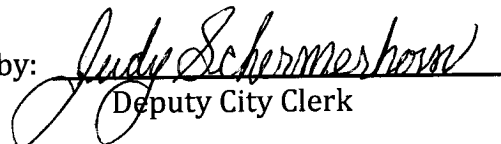
- In discussing other ponds in area, the one is going into the Macklin pit. Macklins are talking to the State about acquisition.
- Mr. Tesreau mentioned that the local tributaries appeared to have crested around 1pm and were continuing to drop throughout the day. Pictures were presented of the area near some bridges. With the recent snow and melting, the local Kyte River tributary held up well although the banks were full.
- There was discussion in regards to the bike path and if the park district doesn't give the erosion attention, they will lose the bike path.

**Announcements/Communications:**

- **Next meeting is June 12, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Adjourn Meeting:** Moved by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Stonebraker, "**I move the meeting be adjourned.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

  
Deputy City Clerk