

MS4 Stakeholder Meeting  
July 31, 2019

Attendance:

1. Jan Bahret, Stakeholder
2. Don Steinmeier, Board of Supervisors
3. Janet Hardman, West Hanover Zoning and Planning
4. Isaac Wakefield, Township Solicitor
5. Gloria Zimmeran, Board of Supervisors
6. Bob Fowler, Stakeholder
7. Jeff Bridj, Stakeholder
8. Mike Geppert, Sr, Stakeholder
9. Bob Ulrey, Stakeholder
10. Max Shradley, Stakeholder
11. John R. Poff, Light Heigel and Associates
12. Daniel Rosario, Township Manager
13. Erik Harman, Light Heigel & Associates,

Handouts:

- MS4 Budget
- Credit examples from 3 municipalities
- Impervious Area Reductions – Green Roofs
- Stormwater Phase II Final Rule

Discussion:

Budget:

Certain budget items will be shared with Township Budget and Stormwater Authority Budget such as wages and employees. Public Works and Stormwater Authority employees.

There is an existing authority that will be the Stormwater Authority. The articles need to be amended.

The project costs are projections for capital improvements such as infrastructure upgrades. Projects are defined in the Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan. One of the projects in the plan is Lakeside, Clover, N. Fairville Avenue, Manor and Morningstar Project.

If there is no stormwater facilities on property there will be no stormwater fee.

Phase 1 of the EPA regulations in 1993 for MS4 targeted bigger cities of 100,000 population or more. Phase 2 in 2000 defined urbanized area with minimum population of 50,000 people. West Hanover Township is in the urbanized area of the City of Harrisburg. In 2009 Notice of Violations were sent out by the EPA to 70 municipalities in Central PA. DEP was also chastised by EPA. Since 2004 to present the process has changed dramatically. Every 5 years Township's must amend their PAG 13 General Permit.

A fee is more equitable because it is calculated to directly relate to the individual property based on impervious coverage. A tax increase is based on assessed value. Tax exempt properties would not pay a tax increase however, they would be required to pay a stormwater fee.

The MS4 laws were targeted to clean up the Chesapeake Bay however, all impaired waterways within the urbanized area would benefit. The pollutant reduction plan requires a 10% reduction in phosphorus and 5% reduction in sediment.

Stormwater ordinance regulates new development. The ground water table will increase but the storm water facilities will reduce the temperature of the water going into the stream.

The 1% inflation rate was changed to 2% inflation rate.

The Township Sewer Authority delinquency rate was discussed. The Sewer Authority files liens on the property.

The ERU rate of \$80 per year will yield a fund of \$800,000. The ERU rate of \$100 per year will yield a fund of \$1,000,000.

The question is whether vacant properties should be included. The definition of vacant property is an undeveloped property that has 600 square feet of impervious coverage such as a driveway. A stormwater fee cannot be charged if there is zero impervious coverage. Charging vacant lots is a difference of \$2-\$4 per year.

There will be no tiers for billing. The billing will be based on one quarter ERU increments.

There will be a credit manual. There will be as many options as possible for both residential and commercial. There will also be a credit donation policy which means that if a residential property qualifies for a credit, they can donate their credit to their church. There needs to be a difference of at least 400 square feet of impervious coverage to make a difference for a credit.

The tax roll information – property owner name, tax identification number, assessed land value, assessed building value – is needed.

Meeting dates were discussed as follows:

Last Stakeholder Meeting to wrap up budget and credits	Thursday, August 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Public Meeting #1	Week of September 9, 2019
Public Meeting #2	Week of October 21, 2019
Public Hearing – Board of Supervisors	October 21, 2019 at 7:15 pm
BOS meeting to render decision	November 4, 2019

NOTE: exact meeting time for September and October will depend on when the newsletter is published so there is another form of public notice.

Public notice will be in the newsletter, published in the newspaper and on facebook.

A list of all municipalities in the Harrisburg area that is charging a fee needs to be provided.