

Delaware Township Stormwater Committee Minutes - September 26, 2022 meeting

Roll Call - Present: Gary Hinesley, Valerie Tucci, Leslie Sauer

New business: Plan by Richard Nalbandian to retrofit Police/ Public Works property

Old business: Grant updates and monitoring of reconstructed embankment at 208 Lower Creek Road.

New business and old business were discussed altogether. Discussion: Richard Nalbandian is an Earth Science and Environmental Consultant. He directs multi-disciplinary environmental investigation, remediation and planning projects. Based on walking tours of the Police/ Public Works (P/PW) property with members of the Stormwater Committee earlier this year, he has sketched a proposal to improve the stormwater recharge on the P/PW property, with an estimated budget of ca. \$400,000. Work would include topographic survey, studies of depth to bedrock, terracing, and planting with native plants. The Stormwater Committee will look into whether grants can pay for some or all of this.

The Committee discussed again the condition of the P/PW and other opportunities to reduce stormwater runoff. Over the years, stored gravel, Jersey barriers, dumpsters, piles of tree stumps, metal scrap and other miscellaneous waste have crept to the outer edges of the property, where they are stored in wetlands and stream corridors. In the center of the property is a large, empty gravel area. Perhaps with the cooperation of the Public Works Director and the Township Committee, the yard could be cleaned up and some space could be found for fenced planting areas.

Ms. Sauer mentioned again that the Gildy property, being upstream of the DTMUA plant, would be a good location for stormwater remediation. She envisions planting part of the field in native grasses, and reduced mowing. She will talk to NRCS to discuss LIPP program or other grants, and whether these may be applied to preserved land.

The Committee agreed that it would be a good idea to upload agendas and documents to the township website.

Meeting adjourned.