



**Storm Water Task Force Meeting Minutes**

**March 25, 2021**

**6:30 pm**

<b>Attendees</b>	
Dave Odom – Councilman	Ron Costa – Borough Resident
Paul Dern – Councilman	Dave Vento – Councilman
Bob Mitall – Borough Engineer*	Mike Diguilio – Municipal/Water Authority*
Dave Reynolds – Borough Resident	Terry Siefers – Borough Resident
Mike Thomas – Borough Manager*	Tyson Miller – KU Engineering
Bill Bonura – Municipal/Water Authority*	Lenny White – KU Engineering
Bill Chapla – Borough Resident	Dave Soboslay – Asst. Borough Manager*

\*Not Present

1. Review Status of Proposed Long Term Solutions (KU Resources Recommendations Update)

The joint permit for the O’Block/Keywest project will be resubmitted after addressing comments from the DEP. The permit for the Center Beach project is ready but submittal is still pending the completion of the land acquisition for the project.

KU resources also indicated that modifications to the Storm Water Management Ordinance will be provided for SWTF members to review prior to the next meeting.

2. Update on Storm Water Work Completed Since the Last Meeting

Staff has developed, in conjunction with GIS consultants, a mobile inspection system for storm ponds, outfalls and catch basins. This will help keep track of what has been inspected and the follow-up needed (if any) for maintenance. There are approximately 2,400 catch basins in the Borough.

Catch Basin Inspections: In the last month, staff has inspected 475 catch basins. From those inspections the following maintenance is needed:

- 15 – patching repairs
- 1 – total replacement
- 3 – grate replacements
- 82 – debris removal

### 3. Review New Storm Water Issues and Emails Sent to Storm Water Task Force

None received.

### 4. ISO Standard Applicability for Storm Water Management

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is an independent, non-governmental international organization that brings together experts to share knowledge and develop voluntary, consensus-based, market relevant International Standards that support innovation and provide solutions to global challenges. An ISO standard is a document containing practical information and best practices. ISO allows organizations to become more competitive by offering products and services that are accepted globally. This includes benefits such as raising profits by offering products with increased quality, compatibility and safety, reducing costs by not reinventing the wheel and using available resources better, and benefiting from the knowledge and best practice of leading experts around the world. ISO is currently working on standards for stormwater systems. The standards in draft include:

- ISO/TR 24539 - Service activities relating to drinking water supply, wastewater and stormwater systems — Examples of good practices for stormwater management.
- ISO/AWI 24566-1 - Service activities relating to drinking water supply, wastewater and stormwater systems – Adaptation of water services to climate change impacts — Part 1: Assessment principles.
- ISO/AWI 24566-2 - Service activities relating to drinking water supply, wastewater and stormwater systems – Adaptation of water services to climate change impacts — Part 2: Stormwater services.

The SWTF discussed the potential use of these standards and potential adoption of an ISO program to supplement the existing Boro Stormwater Management program. There was some concern on the potential for overlap with existing MS4 standards and if ISO was needed. However, the consensus was that when published, these standards should be reviewed for best practices and reviewed to determine if moving forward with a formal ISO program would be beneficial for the Boro Stormwater Management program. SWTF members also indicated that it would also be beneficial to invite an individual familiar with implementing an ISO program to come and speak to the task force at a future meeting.

### 5. Review Stormwater Retention Pond Listing

In the last month the Borough has inspected the 67 ponds on the spreadsheet as required by our MS4 permit. Letters are being generated to the owners of the private ponds, listing the maintenance and repair needed for each of the ponds. Many of the ponds inspected belong to the Borough and also have deficiencies. Staff will meet to discuss these issues, as well as opportunities to retrofit some of these ponds.

The task force will continue to review the list of retention ponds at the next meeting due to Boro staff being unavailable to attend the meeting.

#### 6. Discuss Potential Date Changes for the Next Public Meeting

The next public meeting was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 24th. However, due to the existing PA COVID-19 restrictions as of April 4<sup>th</sup>, maximum occupancy limits for indoor events will be 25% of maximum occupancy regardless of venue size. SWTF members considered conducting the event outdoors, but it was logistically challenging given the need for multimedia support and the potential for bad weather. Therefore, it was recommended the public meeting date be rescheduled for Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> to allow for additional time for the restrictions to accommodate at least 50% of maximum occupancy. An alternate location that could potentially allow for more attendees and maintain social distancing was the Boyce Park lodge. This will be considered as a potential location for the meeting.

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