



# TOWNSHIP OF SPRING

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## **Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The regularly scheduled public meeting of the Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee was called to order by Chairperson Ehrlich at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via teleconference. The following members were present: Chairperson Sarah Ehrlich, Leroy Schannauer, Paul Darrah, Mike Kocher and Bob Myer.

Also, in attendance were Jim Moll, H. David Miller, Andrew Bertolazzi, Dan Becker, Evelyn Tyson, Fred Ebert, Gia Raffaelli, Kim Berry, Robbie Loudon and Jen Bensinger.

**Minutes of January 19, 2021 Meeting** -*Tabled until the next meeting.*

**Open to the Floor** – None

**Entech Engineering Report** – Items were reviewed in the opposite order from how they were listed on the agenda.

- a. Tapping Fee Study – Mr. Miller indicated that these fees need to be updated and presented a work order to complete this work in the amount of \$7,800.00. The West Lawn area needs to be included in the new update. The update includes an evaluation of current costs for connecting to the sanitary sewer system and any improvements that need to be made. The Committee will wait to receive Mr. Miller's written proposal and act on it at a future meeting.
- b. Act 537 Plan Update – Mr. Miller will review this at a future meeting.

Infiltration and Inflow Project – Mr. Miller reported on Entech's progress on the I&I Project. Entech recently received build-out schedules from both Hofmann and Alcon. Neither project needs the full requested capacity immediately. The build-out schedule provides dates and amounts of sewage capacities needed for future connections to the municipal sewage system. Mr. Miller discussed adding sewage flows from both projects incrementally over time according to the build-out schedules. Mr. Miller reported that in concept, Tim Wagner from DEP had no objection to this method of adding sewage flows to the Township's municipal collection system, provided the Township and the developers work together to address any I&I or capacity issues. Mr. Moll displayed graphics of the Wyomissing Trunk Line and how the Hofmann property and Alcon connect to the Township's sewage collection system. Discussion was held regarding the issues that have occurred in the Lincoln Park area and the updated data that has been obtained. Mr. Miller indicated that there were only certain points in the collection system that are causing problems. Mr. Miller explained he believes that based upon the updated data, it appears that

### **Entech Engineering Report (Continued)**

- c. the Township may have the capacity necessary to permit these 2 properties to connect to the municipal sewage system if connections are made according to the build-out schedules.

Mr. Becker asked if the I&I work is completed in accordance with the build-out schedules, will a future large storm water events create the same issues that the Township experienced in the past in Lincoln Park. Mr. Miller advised that Entech Engineering is still analyzing the data to confirm if the additional flows from Hofmann and Alcon can be accommodated based upon the build-out schedules. Mr. Miller indicated that the inflow received during storms is the major cause of the issues in the Lincoln Park area. Mr. Moll raised a concern that the Lincoln Park stormwater issues have not been fully analyzed because Entech has just recently received the project build-out schedule from the developers and Entech is still confirming the final numbers.

*Motion to recess the meeting until 9:15 a.m. due to technical difficulties with the Township's computer server was made by Mr. Kocher, seconded by Mr. Myer. MOTION CARRIED.*

- c. Infiltration and Inflow Project (Continued)-

Mr. Becker indicated that assuming adequate transmission capacity if available, capacity agreements between the Township, the City of Reading, Hofmann and Alcon will need to be completed prior to the start of any work. Project build-out schedules and all the details need to be included in the agreements. Mr. Ebert requested that the Infrastructure Committee recommend approval of a capacity certification totally contingent upon all of the consultants' reviews and approvals. Mr. Becker indicated that because Entech just received the build-out schedules, he suggested that Mr. Miller review the new information prior to the IC Committee making a recommendation. He stated that he anticipated that the Committee may be prepared to make a recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. Becker reminded everyone that the Infrastructure Committee is an advisory Committee and simply makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

Mr. Moll advised that the Township has not yet received the planning modules for Alcon. Discussion was held regarding whether or not Alcon needed to go through the complete planning process. Mr. Moll indicated that the City of Reading required a planning module for an increase of 1 EDU or more. Alcon representative stated that they have only had preliminary permit update conversations with the City.

Mr. Moll stated that the Committee is not prepared to make any recommendation today but might be in a position to make that recommendation at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Becker indicated that we need to understand how the Township's improvements and the applicants' build-out schedules are going to coordinate.

Mr. Ebert asked if there was anything Hofmann needed to supply so that the recommendation could be made on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Moll reminded Mr. Ebert that the Ossington Avenue sewer issues must be addressed. Alcon's representatives asked the same question and Mr. Moll suggested that they talk to the City of Reading prior to that meeting. Mr. Moll will wait to hear back from them before he proceeds with any additional work on this project.

**Sewers** –

- a. Hofmann Tract – Apartments – Nothing more to discuss at this time.
- b. Alcon – Expansion of Operations – Nothing more to discuss at this time.
- c. Glen Ridge/Reedy Road Pump Station – Mr. Moll reviewed this project which is located in Lower Heidelberg Township but whose sewage will be processed at the Reedy Road Pump Station and then sent to the Township’s plant. There are two agreements that need to be approved: 1) Reedy Road Pump Station Improvements Agreement and 2) 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to the Sewer Treatment and Transportation Capacity Reservation Agreement. Mr. Becker gave a brief description of the development, the status of the empty lots and why we need an updated agreement.

**Public Works Director/WWTP Superintendent** -

Mr. Darrah had nothing to report at this time but will be discussing Harvard Boulevard at the next meeting. 2021 Road Project has been advertised for two weeks and the plan is to start the road work during the end of April/beginning of May.

**Streets and Stormwater** –

- a. Wireless Communications Facilities – Mr. Moll reviewed the updates to the wireless communications ordinance. This ordinance covers small communications facilities and cell towers. A design manual needs to be developed and the ordinance will be updated so that when these applications are received they will not have to go through the process of getting a special exception. Agreements will be developed with each vendor (Verizon, AT&T, etc.).

**Old Business** –

Grey Ghost Lane – Fire Hydrant Agreement – Mr. Moll provided an update on the status of this project. He and Mr. Becker have developed an agreement which will establish a Fire Hydrant Service Agreement for this area. Although Grey Ghost Lane is a private drive, these residents will pay for the fire hydrant service in the same manner that residents who live on a Township street currently do. The Township will be the applicant for the fire hydrant.

**Announcements** – The next meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.*

**Adjournment** – *There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Darrah and seconded by Mr. Kocher. Ms. Ehrlich adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Houck  
Director of Parks and Recreation/  
Township Secretary