

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Public Meeting held March 8, 2018
Pioneer Fire Company, 200 North Waterford Avenue, Marietta, PA

The public meeting for the National Fish and Wildlife grant presenting the Watershed Restoration Plan and to also meet MS4 requirements convened at 5:15 PM, Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Pioneer Fire Company, 200 North Waterford Avenue, Marietta, PA 17547. In attendance were Council members Mazis, McKinney, Dalzell, and Angelo. Mayor Kulman arrived at 5:30 PM. Absent from the meeting was Council member Hannold, States, and Shambaugh.

President Mazis gave opening remarks about the grant that we received from the National Fish and Wildlife Federation and the Borough had Kelly Gutshall with LandStudies administer the grant. This grant was to identify locations which offered opportunities to mitigate the stormwater runoff into the Borough which contributes to flooding and will allow the Borough to move forward with other grants in which the Borough has already received one from DCNR (C2P2) for park planning.

Mike LaSala, with LandStudies spoke of how he compiled a set of rules for monitoring and implementing MS4 requirements that were part of the grant.

Kelly Gutshall detailed the process for identifying and then narrowing down the options for opportunities to mitigate stormwater runoff from National Fish and Wildlife Federation. We set up committees to identify the problem areas in the community. They were then able to set up goals for a Watershed Action Plan. This is a guide for implementation, also a MS4 Permit Guide. Kelly did an overview of the storm sewer system. She presented multiple benefits and solutions. This Watershed Action Plan will allow working with East Donegal Township. The prioritization considerations will be load reduction, stream stability, flood mitigation, storage and stormwater volume.

The focus areas are:

- A. East Donegal Township
- B. Donegal Mutual
- C. Waterford to River (Evans Run)
- D. Essex Street – Hall Street (Strube Inc. area)
- E. Jones , Elk, and Wasp Street area
- F. Bank Street
- G. East Donegal Township (Grossmans) area

These areas will allow Marietta to address runoff and water quality that is coming into the Borough. They also addressed the twenty-six (26) outfalls in the Borough and getting them stabilized.

This grant will allow Marietta to move forward for the next funding opportunities towards Smart Street planning and eventually implementation funding. The entire grant process normally takes around three (3) years.

Mark Harman with ARRO Consulting spoke about MS4 and reduction of sediment. He explained how a certain amount of impervious surface translates into figuring how much sediment is being released into the river. The Borough is required to reduce the sediment by implementing some of the options that LandStudies presented. Then Marietta would have earned a reduction credit from the state. The new permit starts March 9th and the Borough has 5 years to put a plan in motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer