

STREET AND FLOODING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Chairman Mark Saulka

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Saulka-Chairman

Lucy Theobald-Secretary

Jerry Scredl-Member absent

CITY RESIDENTS PRESENT:

Bill and Koch-501 Shawn Lane (Lake Claire)

Steve Buffa-East Parkway & Elmhurst Rd

The minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting were approved and submitted to the City Clerk for official stamp.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS:

Steve Buffa questioned why specific areas were prone to repeat flooding and other areas remained dry. Mark reviewed factors such as land elevation, creek location, water flow through the tributaries which then empty into the catch basins and retention ponds. Some houses are below the flood plane level which makes them more susceptible to flooding. Mr. Buffa stated that the creek bed nearby floods which in turn causes flooding in his garage. Mark stated that the drain tiles need to be telegraphed to determine if there is an obstruction or whether the size of the tile is adequate for the water flow. Bill Koch states he continues to have flooding issues since the July, 2011 flood in spite of the flood proofing he did at that time. The flooding issues increased after Sr. Alphonsus Church increased the size of the parking lot eliminating water soluble land. He would like an answer from the City as to what the next step is to solving the flooding problem. Mark stated he has sent emails to the City Engineer several times and will continue to do so until he receives a reply. Mark stated the residents who live along Willow and Elm Street had concerns over the road closure over several days with the April, 2013 flood. There was minimal communication from the City regarding what they should do in an emergency and if services would be available. These issues have been brought up to the City Engineer and Public Works department.

UPDATES:

Mark Saulka states he is waiting for a response from the City Engineer, Jim Johnson, regarding when the drain tiles will be televised in flood areas to determine whether there are obstructions or a problem with the diameter size of the tile.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm. The next meeting will be held at City Hall on July 10, 2013 at 3:00pm