

Call to Order

What: Special Joint Access Committee meeting with Jeff Pierce from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

When: November 8th, 2018 @ 11:00am

Where: 5333 Gallagher (Park Access) followed by 5099 Lisch (Gauthier Residence)

Meeting called to order at 11:03am

Current Joint Access Committee members are as follows:

- Strawberry Point Bluffs HOA - Craig Haitz, Marge Allen
- Strawberry Hill Estates HOA - David Walmroth
- Joint Access Committee - Nancy Greko (President), Sean Kass (Vice President), Joe Ouillette (Secretary), Irene Gauthier (Treasurer)

Attendees

Bill Armour, Joe Ouillette, Denny Pennington, Gary Phillips, Frank Nelson, Craig Haitz, Larry Gauthier, Irene Gauthier, Dave Walmroth, Sean Kass

DEQ Question & Answer

Area 1: Off-water area

1. What actions are acceptable to recover Park area where overgrowth has taken place? For example, the areas near porta potty, volleyball court, log stake near picnic tables, overgrowth near pontoons
 - a. Vegetation maintenance not regulated unless development is taking place. Cutting back overgrowth is ok as long as its only cut to the base and not completely removed

Area 2: Improved waterfront area

1. What can we do to fix / replace the current seawall?
 - a. County requires a permit if work is done within 500ft of the waterfront
 - b. "Replacement Seawall" permit allowed which is different than "New Development" permit
 - i. Considered a "Minor" project meaning the public is not notified
 - ii. Rip Rap is the recommended replacement but not the only option
 - iii. Rip Rap can begin up to 1ft from existing shoreline

2. Can we back fill behind the current wall?
 - a. Yes. Any clean non-contaminated material is fine.
3. Swim area buoys and raft, how far out can we place them?
 - a. Technically the DNR requires permits for placement but the DEQ has exceptions for "Seasonal Temporary" markers and are generally not regulated as long as the placement does not effect the flow of traffic on the lake.
 - b. The quantity of bouys and rafts are not specifically regulated
4. Do you recommendations about weed control in our swimming area?
 - a. Hand pulling and raking is ok, no mechanical removal
5. Are there any restrictions to prevent us from fixing/ improving our current ramp?
 - a. This also falls under the same "Minor Project" permit as the existing seawall and can be filed together

Area 3: Unimproved waterfront area of the Park (12 slips for pontoon boat mooring)

1. What do you recommend we do to eliminate the erosion in this area?
 - a. Rip Rap is recommended, can apply for other
 - b. Existing wall, Boat ramp and Mooring wall are all "Minor Projects" and can be applied for together.
2. Can we regain any or all of the lost shore line? (backfill once water recedes)
 - a. No. Shoreline is considered where is currently exists.
 - b. Rip Rap is installed 1ft high for every 2ft long and can begin 1ft out from shoreline
3. Ask about the ideas that have been suggested: Coir log, sea wall, dock / board walk, and or Gary's platform.
 - a. Any type of dock would have to be permitted under a "Major Permit" which would involve public notice
 - b. Broadside docks would be better than Pier docks as far as permitting goes
 - c. Pyles between pontoons and shoreline would be covered under a "Minor Permit"
 - d. "Gang Planks" can be used as temporary access ramps to a load and unload boats and require no permits
 - e. Coir Logs effectiveness would be negated because off the boat mooring and traffic to and from the boats.
 - f. Coir Logs not recommended, Rip Rap is recommended for our situation

4. What do you recommend we do now for short term to slow the erosion?
 - a. Nothing is temporary would be effective, therefore none recommended

Area 4: Recently acquired waterfront area (150 feet south of the pontoon mooring)

1. What can we do with the 150 feet of frontage south of the park?
 - a. Must resolve the "Gap Ownership" issue before anything can be done in this area
 - b. Clearing brush is ok as long as vegetation is not completely removed and no structures are erected

General Questions:

1. Funding could take time, how long does a DEQ permit last?
 - a. 5 years. Minor permits are \$100 and Major permits are \$500. Minor permits do not require public notice, Major permits do.
2. Can we request permit extensions?
 - a. Yes, if the scope of work remains unchanged then another 5 year permit can re-apply for another 5 years for another \$100
3. Where does DEQ stand vs Township?
 - a. Township has separate requirements for docking, shorelines and development
4. As we move forward, what is Jeff Pierce's role in our Park maintenance /improvements? Counselor, Advocate, Enforcer?
 - a. The primary concerns of the DEQ involve anything that can be considered unacceptable disruption to the land

Closing

Motion to adjourn by: Sean Kass, seconded by Joe Ouillette

Meeting adjourned at: 1:15pm

Respectfully submitted by: Joe Ouillette