

**Brook Run Village Owners Association  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2022**

The meeting was held at Des Moines Fire Station #11 and convened at 6:02 p.m.

Directors present: Jason Bahr, Marty Chebuhar, Steve McClure (via phone), Pam Schwartz.  
Absent: Gary Galasso

**NEW BUSINESS:**

John Swanson, Watershed Management Authority coordinator for Polk County Public Works, presented the board a funding opportunity available through the federal government and Polk County to assist in stabilization of Brook Run creeks that have seriously eroded over the years from storm water flows. Swanson explained the application process as well as cost estimates and funding proposals for the project.

The proposed Brook Run stream stabilization project has an estimated cost of more than \$1.8 million, of which about \$1.4 million would be federal funding. The Association's share would be about \$331,000 and the county would contribute \$114,000. Directors also noted the possibility of some cost-sharing funding from the City of Des Moines.

Swanson said the grant proposal was the best opportunity he has seen for Brook Run to fix longstanding storm water erosion problems. He asked the board to fully consider the plan and eventually decide whether to accept it. If it is approved, Swanson also pledged to assist the board in explaining details of the project at meetings with Association members in the months ahead.

In other business, storm water committee chair Steve Wallace reported that he continues to work with the city on erosion issues stemming from the Brook Landing development. He also noted the city will be installing a "Dead End" sign at the entrance to Stream Side Circle.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion continued over controversy surrounding fishing in the Association's storm water retention basins. Ten homeowner-members presented their issues with people fishing the ponds, including problems with trespassing on private property, disrespect for adjoining property owners, and left behind fishing line, hooks and other trash. The board took the complaints under advisement. Directors agreed on the need to consider a variety of ways to address this ongoing controversy.

Also, Schwartz reported that a contractor recently completed tree trimming, brush removal and clean up on the north pond, in and around the dam. She noted there is accumulated trash that should also be cleared from the area.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the June 22, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Bahr reported balances for the period ending , June 30, 2022, of \$53,151.29 in the Association's operating account and \$323,895.88 in the capital reserve fund. He also briefly detailed monthly income and expenses and added that he and Edge Property Management continue to work on a financial reporting format. The treasurer's report was approved on motion by Schwartz, seconded by McClure, and a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. The board's next scheduled board meeting is 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 24, 2022, in the community meeting room of Des Moines Fire Station #11 at 4150 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Submitted by: Pam Schwartz, Secretary