

SPECIAL MEETING 9-21-2026 6:00 P.M.
MANOR TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BLDG.
306 BYRON STREET McGRANN

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss stormwater issues along Ross Avenue
In attendance: Supervisors Palmer, Hecker and Toy, and Secretary Davis by phone.
Citizens: Jonathan Gerber, Sarah Scholl, Mike Bracken, Kristen Bracken, Robert Bracken, Debbie Bracken, Danielle Eshbaugh, Chris Culp, Stephen Scholl, Bob Culp, Gage Mortimer from Planning and A.J. Panian for the Leader Times

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Palmer. Palmer stated this is an advertised public meeting so all 3 supervisors could be here together.

Palmer said he wants to be involved and hear concerns because John and Sarah have problems, but Manor Township doesn't have infrastructure there and shouldn't be involved. MTJMA has a ROW for water and sewage. Palmer ask if there was any legal representation in the meeting because we know some have contacted an attorney, he was told no.

Dalton Mack, our engineer, did a field review in March and August. Prior to houses being added the water ran down in the field. Dalton said prior to construction storm water infrastructure should have been put in. The group could put in a stormwater pond, Bracken said Darin at the Planning Department recommended this and she did this. Culp said the water is coming past Sarah's house onto his property. Palmer said the issue is figuring out who owns what. Culp said in all the developments he has been involved in there were retention ponds. He thinks there should be one on each side of the development. Dalton said each house was compliant with the stormwater ordinance, but it should have been done as a development not individual homes.

Palmer said need to come up with a plan that works for the landowners. Bracken said you are asking us to invest further but the infrastructure needs upgraded. She has seen oil and soap in the runoff. She said they can't spend money to fix water that isn't ours. Palmer has videos and Sarah said drainage was never good. Bob Culp said the runoff is contaminating his water and he is going to sue everyone. He said there has always been an issue. Palmer said he is working to find grants and has contacted Senator Pittman, Bracken said we pay enough taxes. Chris Culp said usually everywhere else they hire a developer. Palmer ask Mortimer if the County has a stormwater plan, he responded no. We look at the surface on your property and we don't issue subdivisions. If the original property owner had hired a developer, they would have done a stormwater plan. Culp said it should have been engineered and developed. Bracken said so you are saying if you own land, you can't sell it. Sarah said if investigation was done Ross Avenue had pipes draining into the field. Bob Culp ask if the Conservation District was invited, Palmer told him yes. Palmer said we can't invest money into private property. Debbie Bracken when they put up a shed there was a cement thing in the yard, the lady across the road said that is where the water goes. Now the water is coming all the way down and making ruts. Dalton said an option is for each house to have a rock sub where all the water goes and then is released slowly.

Bracken said the water is coming off the hill and Sarah said she doesn't think that would help her.

Dalton said another option would be for the township to put in infrastructure, but it would cost 7 digits. Gerber ask why there wasn't drainage, Palmer told him it has always been farmland. Scholl said this is an upgrade so how can the township spend nothing. Culp said George Morda hired a man to put better drains in. Bob Culp ask if he should contact the Conservation District, Palmer told him to hold off. Panian said he sympathizes with the people and he will not put in the paper until it is figured out. Bracken said this was a good discussion because lack of communication has always been a problem. Scholl said she is doing a band aid for now.

Palmer said there will be another meeting in November, Bracken said a few people were missed, and she will get their names. Dalton said he wants to help, Scholl said she was going to hire them but can't since the township does. Dalton said stormwater infrastructure wouldn't have been a complete solution with the size of storms we had.

Palmer will continue to look for grants, talk to Pittman and Thompson. Palmer said he isn't threatening anyone but if legal gets involved the open talks are over.

Motion to adjourn by Hecker, seconded by Toy, no public comment heard, unanimous.
Adjourned at 6:55P.M.

Jill A. Davis, Secretary