

WATER COMMITTEE
JULY 25, 2007
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Parrott
 Jack Krakeel
 Pete Frisina

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: David Jaeger

STAFF PRESENT: Russell Ray

GUEST: Jim Daughtry

The meeting was called to order by Water System Director Tony Parrott at 8:10 A.M. Mr. Parrott stated that there is a quorum present and he asked the group, in the absence of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman if they had a preference on how to handle the meeting? They agreed for him to lead the meeting and they proceeded with discussion of the items on the agenda.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JULY 11, 2007.

Pete Frisina made the motion and Jack Krakeel seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 11, 2007. There was no opposition.

II. DISCUSSION OF BRIDGE AT LAKE KEDRON.

Mr. Parrott explained that we had a homeowner representing a homeowners association from The Peninsula subdivision on Lake Kedron. They want to build a golf cart bridge from The Peninsula, across Lake Kedron and over to the park so the kids don't have to go back and forth across Peachtree Parkway. They are trying to get the City to connect the dots out there. As it is now, they are crossing Peachtree Parkway more than once. They would prefer their 15 year olds not crossing a couple of times in the mornings trying to get to school.

David Jaeger explained that in his investigation of his records to see what the right of way on Peachtree Parkway is, he found some fairly old information that shows an 80 foot right of way on the Parkway. He stated that his recommendation is that since the path system is a City system and the road and the right of way are City, that this bridge, while it is a good conceptual idea, ought to be in the right of way and be the City's property, a part of the City path system. Even though it is accessing the County park. It makes it a clean system, that way. The County does not assume responsibility or liability for anything. It will not be a simple installation, but he thinks that there is room there to do it inside the right of way. There is nothing wrong with the concept; it just ought to be in the City right of way and City property, not County property.

Mr. Parrott stated that he does not blame Mr. Donita for not wanting the kids to cross the

road. Mr. Frisina asked if the 80 foot is out in the water. Mr. Jaeger said that it is hard to tell from the drawing he has. Mr. Parrott said he did not see any problem.

Mr. Krakeel stated that we should notify him in writing that we have reviewed his request and in view of the fact that all of the property is within the City limits of Peachtree City, it would be more appropriate for Peachtree City to address his concerns. Mr. Parrott stated that he would generate the letter.

III. DISCUSSION OF FISHING DOCK AT LAKE HORTON.

Mr. Jaeger stated that the concept is a good one. His recommendation is that the final design include a P.E. stamp from an engineer registered in the state of Georgia. The structural design would have been done by a registered engineer. It should be submitted to the Building Department for a permit, just as any other deck type construction would be permitted. The Fire Marshal probably also ought to review it, since it is intended to be an ADA accessible facility. Since the permit would be issued, inspection would be done through the Building Department. At the last meeting, we talked about it being done while the lake was down so that the pilings could be done in a dry state. He went on to say that they probably should have geotechnical evaluation of the subgrades of the foundation on those pilings.

Pete Frisina added that we need to use the same pervious paving that we have been using at Lake Horton. Mr. Daughtry stated they would build the boat dock according to County specifications and requirements. He went on to say that Tony Fritz will design it. Right now, he has a family illness to deal with. As soon as he is back on board, he will be in contact with Mr. Jaeger.

Mr. Frisina stated that whoever does the design needs to touch base with the Permits and Inspections Department to see what they want in terms of drawings and that sort of thing. Mr. Daughtry said when they get ready to do the drawings, they will go through the procedure and go from there. He went on to say that he would like to do this in Peachtree City somewhere. He asked about control of the lakes in Peachtree City.

Mr. Parrott said Lake Kedron, but Lake Peachtree is under the City of Peachtree City. Mr. Daughtry asked if Lake Kedron is accessible now. Mr. Parrott replied yes, and we are about to re-deck it and make improvements. It is approved in the July 1 budget. We are working on the specs now. Mr. Daughtry asked if it is wheelchair accessible. Mr. Parrott said yes. Mr. Daughtry commented that there are no railings on it. Mr. Parrott stated we need to look at railings, it was built pre-rule and we will have to upgrade it.

Jack Krakeel commented that the only request he has ever had as ADA Coordinator was for a little ramp to get over the hump to get onto the deck at Lake Kedron and it was handled years ago.

Further discussion pertained to how many wheelchair people might use the dock,

Recreation programs available for handicapped people and the many changes that have been made to County facilities to be ADA accessible in the past few years.

Mr. Frisina commented that the Building Department would check the dock. He asked if Mr. Parrott would have someone to monitor everything else. Mr. Parrott stated that if the Building Department is inspecting it, he has nobody to do that. Mr. Frisina commented that the Building Department would not be looking at the asphalt and how that is going to match up with the parking lot. We need somebody out there to make sure it is going down right. Mr. Parrott stated that he would check this. Mr. Frisina commented that we would need to make sure we had the right width on the pathway and that type of thing.

Mr. Krakeel made a motion to recommend this project to the Board of Commissioners with the qualifications outlined by Mr. Jaeger. Mr. Frisina seconded and there was no opposition.

IV. DISCUSSION OF POLICY FOR USE OF WATER SYSTEM PROPERTY BY FILM COMPANIES.

Mr. Parrott said that previously the Board of Commissioners wanted each individual request to come before them each time. The established procedure was that the request would come to the Water Committee, then after review they would send it to the Board. We need something that when someone calls we can give them a package that they can look at and decide if they want to do something. As it is now, we are probably 2 ½ to 3 months in handling a request. If we can give a policy so that they know up front what they are going to do, then they can make a decision whether they even want to do it. Some places do like we do, one at a time. Some places, like Savannah, have a film services director. They have done it so many times, they have the process down to how many people are on the crew and they have to have uniformed officers to stop pedestrian traffic. The Coweta County Board of Commissioners have \$1,000.00 fee for use of the court house or any other county facility.

Mr. Frisina commented that from what he remembers the Board is concerned that whatever was being shot here was appropriate for all ages. They did not want something in a movie that portrayed a lewd or violent act.

Mr. Krakeel recommended Mr. Parrott get with Ms. Chandler and Mr. Frisina and they develop a policy that addresses the bulk of the issues that the Board had concerns with. That way we will have a policy in place when these issues come up, whether it is on Water System property or County property. Mr. Parrott agreed that all County facilities should be covered.

Mr. Frisina brought up the question of someone wanting to film in Fayette County, not on public property, but private property. Mr. Parrott explained that with Starr's Mill being an open park, someone could come in during the day, film, and leave by the end of the day. If it takes more than a day, they would need permission from the County at this time.

V. DISCUSSION OF WATERLINE ON SOUTH 92.

Mr. Parrott stated that the waterline ends in downtown Woolsey. We have a ten inch waterline that stops at Mrs. Peebles house, just about where the sidewalk ends. With our new line extension policy we have had two or three down that way that wanted water. The trouble is, it is in that 3,000 to 3,500 feet range. Two or three of them, economically, it starts to get a little unreasonable. Highway 92 is on the list to be four-laned. He commented that he is in a quandary of what to recommend on it, because to put a ten inch waterline in going south in the existing right of way, not knowing what the DOT is going to do he would hate to put a waterline in and then three years from now, see a set of plans where they want to tie that four-lane work in where they are coming out of Spalding County. Current plans show four-lane down to McBride Road and up to the bridge with nothing in between. Mr. Jaeger agreed to check the schedule for when the work would be complete.

Mr. Parrott stated that in the past, we had gotten easements outside the right of way for jobs like we did on 74 Highway, where we tried to get out of the way of the road work. The committee further discussed areas in the southern part of the county that do not have water available.

VI. REVIEW OF WATERLINE PRIORITY LIST.

Mr. Parrott explained that some of the waterlines that were on the priority list when the list was developed have been completed. The list he presented to the committee is the first portion of the list with updated information. There is a list with the remainder of the county available. He explained that about half the waterline from Milam Road to the County line has been put in. About twenty five percent of the lines on the list have been installed by customers requesting water and participating. Coastline Road, even though it is on the list, nothing has been done. It is dirt and has a wooden bridge. It is one of those difficult gaps.

Mr. Parrott went on to say that Chairman Watkins had asked to see where we were on this item at the last meeting. Further discussion pertained to the new road going around Sandy Creek, and if it would be better to plan having the waterline on the new road, rather than the old one. Mr. Frisina mentioned that they need to look at where the sewer lines will be installed on the arc around the hospital.

Mr. Parrott explained that the Water System has 1.2 million dollars funded in the yearly budget for waterline extensions that are resident motivated. This is almost ten percent of the Water System's budget, which is pretty substantial. The goal is probably to pave every road in the county as well as have water on every road in the county. This is a long term project.

LAKE MCINTOSH WETLAND MITIGATION UPDATE.

Mr. Parrott updated the committee on Lake McIntosh permit information. He stated that we have 144 acres of wetlands that we will have to restore. We will have to enhance 43 acres. Once constructed the Corp of Engineers inspects them for five years before they will sign off on them. Some of the projects for Lake Horton were substantial earth moving projects. The Reeves Creek site in Henry County was just a pasture and it is now a wetland that you cannot walk across anymore. This is the one that the Corp uses to show off when they have people come to the Atlanta office, because it is convenient to them. Because of that, he has the Wetland Caretaker go once a month to check on it. Further discussion pertained to other properties that might be considered for road projects for wetland credits. The Water System currently has 443 acres, plus the streams. The list he presented to the committee is listed in the permit that we have to put together as final and we have to do the restoration and get their approval.

Mr. Parrott went on to say that we will need to use somebody like Hal Bryant with Eco Tech to come up with a design for these restoration enhancements. We need to get him started on that.

Mr. Krakeel asked Mr. Jaeger if this is something that he would be handling. Mr. Jaeger replied that as project manager, they would help oversee it and coordinate it. He commented that it is good to get Eco Tech involved, because all they do is wetland issues. They helped us on the Horton Creek project.

Mr. Krakeel asked if a project chart is being prepared. Mr. Jaeger stated that he could begin one. Mr. Krakeel commented that he would like to have one to do a monthly update to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Jaeger informed the committee that they are in the process of completing the mapping of the reservoir. They had initiated that prior to the 404 permit acquisition. They are in the final stages of mapping the reservoir. Yesterday, they had survey crews on the ground doing supplemental survey work, specifically along the shoreline adjacent to the golf course to verify elevations of critical area on the course versus the reservoir. They are also staking the center line of the dam for geotechnical work that will come in and do subsurface investigations. Geotech and the surveyors were out there yesterday as well. The boring crews are scheduled to come in next week. They have also had meetings and discussions with Safe Dams, bringing them up to speed on the fact that we have the permit now. The general game plan is overview of the project, it is required that they have an exercise to classify the dam. Being that it is a drinking water supply reservoir, it must be built and designed to Category 1 standards, even if it technically does not need it. In the meeting with Safe Dams, Tom Woosley indicated that we should proceed on the Category 1 requirements, even though their classification process would take a little while. It is more a formality on this project.

Mr. Jaeger went on to say that they have contacted the archaeological firm to do the final

recovery phase of one of the sites that they identified in previous reports. They expect to get a proposal back from them shortly. With them on the ground as well, their recovery plan has to be approved by the Corp. That process will take a few months to get them actually started. We also have to get a stream buffer variance from EPD who is the one who signed the 401 permit to allow you to withdraw water from your reservoir. Those two things are not combined in one process. He stated they have initiated this process as well. He has been told that this process could take a long time. He is intending to use whatever influence he has with Safe Dams to get them to try to speed up the process. They are willing to do that. The worst case scenario would be that we issue a clearing contract and do not clear the stream buffers until we have the stream buffer variance. They are working toward getting all that done as quickly as possible. Then they can begin the final design and ultimately preparation of the construction plan and specs.

Mr. Jaeger brought to the committees attention that he met with Planterra Ridge Golf Course about getting access. They brought to his attention that they are still moving on the construction of two new golf holes to avoid the clear zone at the Falcon Field runway. The City has asked them to contact the County regarding discharge of storm water from one particular portion of these golf holes that will enter onto the property the County owns for Lake McIntosh and ultimately drain into the reservoir. They have planned a water quality sand filter (he pointed this out on drawings) on one of the two new fairways, that will then discharge towards the county property and ultimately into Lake McIntosh. He has contacted Dave Borkowski with the City to find out exactly what he is asking the City to give the golf course in the way of permission, clearance, authorization, or waiver. At this point, he is guessing it has to do with some type of discharge easement or agreement. The two new holes will be part of the existing course which borders the reservoir. This condition will not be any different than what is already there. Many other holes have basically runoff from the course into the reservoir. He and Mr. Parrott have talked about it briefly and they don't anticipate any issues here. This would be an improvement over the existing two holes, which will end up being demolished, he supposes. Once he talks to Dave Borkowski, he will have a better feel for exactly what his issues and concerns are. Then he will bring it back to the Water Committee to discuss in detail.

Mr. Parrott mentioned that even though the City is not doing the TDK extension they are moving the golf holes. This will be highly visible and somebody is going to notice and say something. Mr. Krakeel asked if this is for the clearance for Falcon Field primarily, that they are moving those holes. Mr. Jaeger stated that he did not say. Mr. Krakeel asked if it is just future anticipation of TDK. Mr. Jaeger guessed that it must be future anticipation, because the holes have been in this clear zone since the course was originally built, and there has not been any discussion about it or problem with it until the road project came up. He thinks that prior to the City halting the road project, Planterra had moved forward on the design and a plan to move those holes out of the way and they are not going to change that plan. He told him that they hope to start work on them in November and have them ready to play in about a year.

Mr. Jaeger mentioned that the contract that he has with the County for Lake McIntosh

indicates that the County should have a point of contact that he can use for coordination issues. Up until now, that has been Bill McNally as the project coordinator, through the permitting phase. He asked the committee for direction on maybe appointing a different person or to wait to find out if Mr. McNally would still be in that position moving forward, that is a little unclear to him right now. Mr. Krakeel stated that on an interim basis, Mr. Parrott ought to be the primary point of contact, given his knowledge and familiarity with the project. He thinks, whether or not Mr. McNally continues to function in that capacity is something that will become clear within the next week to two weeks.

Mr. Jaeger responded that he is comfortable with that and Mr. Parrott has been helpful along the way as well.

There being no further business, Water System Director Tony Parrott adjourned the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

Tony Parrott

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 22nd day of August, 2007.

Lisa Quick