

Thursday, June 22,

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The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in special session at the Geauga Lake property on Big Dipper Road on June 22, 2022. Those present were Trustees Mr. Jeffrey Markley and Dr. Michael Bates. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 P.M. Trustee Mrs. Kristina O'Brien joined the meeting by cell phone at 4:10 P.M.

Also in attendance was Steve Averill, Bainbridge Township; Carmella Shale, Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District; Jeff Martin and Leigh Woodall, ICP; Christina Zindarsic, Davey Resource Group.

The group reviewed two of the existing constructed detention basins near the new Big Dipper Road and discussed the Consent Judgment Entry ("CJE") standards as they applied to the design and construction of the basins. Mrs. O'Brien joined the meeting in person at 4:30 P.M.

ICP identified the challenges of individual applications that require stormwater compliance consistent with the CJE. The group discussed these challenges, realities, and expectations for complying with the existing CJE stormwater requirements.

The group discussed the potential of expanding the existing wetlands north of Big Dipper Road for the large retail stores (Menards/Meijer) with the possibility of also expanding the previously approved Menards' stormwater basin for use by Meijer. There is available land to the north/northeast for possible enlargement and expansion of the existing wetlands for stormwater purposes.

The group also discussed the use of Geauga Lake for stormwater management, having noted that part of the group previously reviewed the Geauga Lake outlet on the southwest side of the lake.

The BOT emphasized their expectations that the terms of the CJE prevail and any amendments to it, and specifically to the stormwater requirements, would only be considered with evidence and understanding of the current conditions, watershed, and impacts of development.

ICP will consider a different approach to the current process of individual applicants applying for stormwater permits by evaluating a more collective approach utilizing expansion opportunities of existing wetlands and Geauga Lake for stormwater management, consistent with how they were utilized by the former Geauga Lake Park, Sea World, Wildwater Kingdom, and adjacent properties, including the new Pulte community. Davey will provide a proposal for these two studies to ICP for consideration.

The group also discussed a third-party review of these proposed studies, consistent with the current process of plans submitted to Geauga Soil and Water being forwarded to a third-party plans reviewer. There was consensus that this was a good idea and Carmella Shale would discuss this with the third party.

Since there was no further business to come before this special meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice S. Sugarman,
Fiscal Officer, Bainbridge Township

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