

# Minutes of the Stormwater Management Committee

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**Meeting held: Wednesday, October 27, 2010**

7:30 A.M.-Leawood City Hall-Main Conference Room

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councilmember Julie Cain, Pat Dunn, Councilmember Debra Filla (acting Chair), John Kahl, Carole Lechevin, Mike Levitan,

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Gary Bussing, Skip Johnson, Councilmember Jim Rawlings (Chair), Alec Weinberg

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Joe Johnson, Julie Stasi

**Guests:**

Jeff Henderson, General Manager, Leawood South Country Club, 12700 Overbrook Road, Leawood, KS 66209

Edward V. Kerrigan, 12600 Overbrook, Leawood, KS 66209

Leonard Little, President of Leawood South Country Club, 3715 W. 141<sup>st</sup> Street, Leawood, KS 66224

Jim Navdet, Course Superintendent, Leawood South Country Club, 12700 Overbrook Road, Leawood, KS 66209

In the absence of Chair Rawlings, Councilmember Debra Filla was asked to chair the meeting.

Chair Filla called the meeting to order at 7:33 AM.

Committee Member Lechevin arrived at 7:44 AM; quorum met.

**TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Drainage Concern-Leawood South Country Club  
& Homeowner Ed Kerrigan, 12600 Overbrook**

Joe Johnson placed a map on the screen showing the area in between Mr. Kerrigan's house and the Brown Residence at 12602 Overbrook. The Country Club property runs behind the two residences and is west of their lots. The area in question is actually behind the Kerrigan property and on the Leawood Country Club Property.

The creek is actually on Country Club property. So what looks like Country Club property on one side of the creek and home owners on the other; is actually Country Club property on both sides of the creek with a home and its lot abutting Country Club property before you get to the creek. It only appears that the home owner has the property all the way up to the creek.

Mr. Little advised that years ago when the area was developed by Moffit, Moffit said they would provide the equipment, however they asked the home owners to maintain the property that lies on their side of the creek (owned by the country club).

Mr. Kerrigan explained that the area in question is an eyesore and has crumbling railroad ties and needs to be taken care of. Mr. Kerrigan advised there was not any flooding or life/safety issues. Aesthetic value is the concern. It looks bad.

Country Club representatives said they get in and clean up areas and remove trash constantly. However if they let things grow, residents call them complaining about the tall grassy area and so they go back out and mow it down. Residents like it trimmed down like a golf course.

In discussion of the problem and fixes, it was determined that this was a concern for the property owners but not on City Property, nothing that had a city easement to allow the city to get to. That there are State and Federal laws that would prohibit anyone getting into the creek and digging. This is not a City owned land and is an issue that needs to be addressed between the home owners and the Leawood Country Club.

Chair Filla advised that this is clearly not something the City can get involved in. The committee recommends that the two property owners (Mr. Kerrigan and Leawood South Country Club) get together to talk about what they can do. It was suggested the County Club obtain information from the Mid America Regional Council (MARC) and from the Blue River Watershed Association about streams and the buffer zones around them. This area could easily be allowed to turn back into its natural state and have native plants that could help stabilize the creek bed area. Stream Teams have been formed and this is a perfect place for the education of this. The neighborhood and the homes association could all benefit from learning about today's application. Railroad ties are old school and eventually do not work. There are ways to have native grasses buffer along the creek with wild flowers and proper plantings, it would help stabilize the creek erosion and allow the creek to take its natural course.

## **TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: MINUTES OF PAST MEETING**

Chair Filla mentioned there were a few typos in the Draft Minutes. Staff member Stasi will revise those.

Committee Member John Kahl made a motion to approve the September 29, 2010 Minutes; as corrected. Motion seconded by Committee Member Pat Dunn. Motion passed with all members present in favor.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:54 AM.**

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