



Minutes of the Joint Brown's Creek Watershed District and Stillwater City Council Workshop

July 2, 2019

Stillwater City Hall, 216 North 4th Street, Stillwater, MN 55082

Mayor Kozlowski called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Present: Mayor Kozlowski, Councilmembers Collins, Junker, Polehna, and Weidner (arrived late)
 Browns Creek Watershed District President Leiser, Managers Johnson, Maule Miller, and Eckles

Absent: BCWD Manager Sharon Schwarze

Others present: BCWD Administrator Kill
 BCWD Engineer Correll
 City Administrator McCarty
 Public Works Director Sanders
 City Attorney
 Police Chief
 Fire Chief Glaser
 Community Development Director Turnblad
 Finance Director Harrison
 City Clerk Wolf
 Washington Commissioner Kriesel
 Cameron Blake, BCWD
 Mark Lambert

Discussion with Browns Creek Watershed District

Administrator Karen Kill introduced the BCWD Board of Managers. President Leiser gave a brief overview of 2019 BCWD responses to stakeholder feedback on the 2018 BCWD Revised Rules.

Camilla Correll gave a presentation of the Minimal Impact Design standards (MIDS) evaluation that was completed and discussed with the BCWD Board on June 25, 2019. The conclusion is that in the diversion drainage area MIDS would provide similar water resource protection as the

BCWD existing rules while providing a more consistent framework with Stillwater and Oak Park Heights.

President Leiser stated that the BCWD is looking at MIDS in the diversion drainage only. The drainage to the trout stream (Brown's Creek) would still have the 2018 rules for resource protection.

Administrator Kill stated that the existing Trout Stream Mitigation Project agreement would need to be modified to allow MIDS. Specific details regarding permit triggers, higher engineering review of infiltration in the Drinking Water Supply Management Area, and permit process framework to improve collaboration and coordination still need to be discussed among staff of both Stillwater and Oak Park Heights to bring recommendations to the Board and Councils.

The City Council asked how MIDS works for redevelopment. Shawn Sanders responded that redevelopment projects are accounted for in MIDS. Volume control is still required but not as restrictive as new development. The Council also asked how MIDS would apply to potential lot splits or redevelopment in the Minar Avenue area of Stillwater. Shawn Sanders stated that it would depend on the development activity and the size of the project whether the stormwater rules would be triggered.

Manager Maule Miller shared that regional treatment options are also being discussed along the Highway 36 corridor, including the Highway 15/36 interchange.

Commissioner Gary Kriesel stated that he was glad to see that BCWD is looking at more consistency in their rules with communities and County.

Joint meeting adjourned at 4:52pm and City of Stillwater continued their workshop and regular meeting.