

**MINUTES**  
**UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP STORMWATER AUTHORITY**  
**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, - 6:00 P.M.**

**STORMWATER AUTHORITY BOARD**

James G. Cochran, Chairman  
 Richard A. Castranio, Jr., Vice Chairman  
 Kenneth M. Martin, Secretary  
 Eric Y. Fairchild (arrived late)  
 Phil J. Walsh

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

Scott W. Fraser, Township Manager  
 Timothy Wendling, Asst. Twp. Mgr  
 Stephen Feinour, Solicitor  
 Jason Reichard, P.E., Twp Engineer  
 Alexis Minana, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cochran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Mr. Fraser performed roll call—except for Mr. Fairchild, the authority members were present.

**CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Cochran announced that this meeting would be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. The video recording will be made available on YouTube after the fact.

Mr. Fairchild took his seat at the dais at 6:03 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Greg Haas of 101 Nittany Drive, near St. Peter’s Church, came to speak about storm drains (or lack thereof) in his neighborhood. He commented that there seems to be a dearth of storm drains on his block. Comparing it to Kim Acres, where he counted 33, Spring Run has only 18. He described conditions of development upstream from his home, which he believes led to flooding on his property. He explained that he investigated flood insurance, found it cost-prohibitive, and additionally, was informed that he would only be covered for his fuse box, washer-dryer, and water heater in the event of a flood.

Mr. Haas commented that there has been a lot of money spent recently on the parks system in the Township. Chairman Cochran explained that stormwater funds and park funds are separate. Stormwater tax income does not go to parks.

Mr. Reichard reported that he was familiar with conditions around the culvert crossing on Nittany Drive and the collection system that is tributary to that. This system is extensive with a large drainage area. He said C.S. Davidson intends to do a more comprehensive study on that watershed to look for additional opportunities to control stormwater and assess the functionality of the current culverts.

Mr. Haas suggested that there needs to be two pipes coming from the basin structure on Aspen Drive. Chairman Cochran said the Township would engage C.S. Davidson to assess conditions in the area. He continued to say that the Township has already committed to a large stormwater project in 2025 in the Webercroft Development. Mr. Cochran advised Mr. Haas to attend the next Stormwater Improvements meeting, which will take place on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Mr. Reichard stated that there is a possible opportunity to replace the culvert at Spring Run and Nittany, which is the last culvert in a series before reaching the park. Mr. Haas again said he felt that development was contributing to deteriorating flood conditions on his property.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consisted of: consideration of the minutes from January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025; staff reports; and, the engineer's report. The Consent Agenda was considered as a whole. Mr. Martin **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda and was **SECONDED** by Mr. Walsh. It passed unanimously (5-0).

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Cedar Run Update

Mr. Reichard reported that the design phase is complete for the 2025 infrastructure improvements project, which is focused on the Webercroft and Whitebrier developments. C.S. Davidson is currently finalizing construction plans and specifications. They are working in conjunction with the Township sewer department to include sanitary sewer infrastructure as part of the contract. The two infrastructure jobs will be tied into the Township's 2025 Roadway Improvements Project. Per Mr. Reichard, the request to advertise the project for public bidding is likely to come before the Board at the first meeting in March.

Mr. Reichard explained that there have been ongoing efforts by staff to secure easements from residents which are required to facilitate some of the improvements. Some of those easements have been secured, but not all.

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Reichard about post-construction work needed at Cortland Park, to be performed by the HOA. Mr. Reichard reported that Garrett Vandebrake is working with the HOA and the developer responsible for that project. There have been ongoing efforts to resolve drainage concerns with inlets and swales. Per Mr. Reichard, all impacted parties are cooperating and there is potential for some improvements in the summertime.

With no further discussion, Mr. Walsh made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Martin **SECONDED** the motion. After unanimous approval, Chairman Cochran adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.