

University Park Improvement District – Golf Course Club House
General Board Meeting minutes July 11th, 2023

The University Park Improvement District Board meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM in person and via zoom. Call to Order: Officers present were Richard Soash, James Slaymaker and Jo Ann Zahner

Community in person and on zoom: Sarah Dahl, Jim and Jackie Slaymaker, Karla Slaymaker, Jo Ann Zahner, Kim Luna, Stanley Glaum, Laurie Brunner, Bob & Libby Vathauer, Bill McReynolds, Curt & Cindy Friedrich, Rita Cassida, Tracey Weston, Nick & Shawna Bedford, Dave Chizek, Ward Nippert, Jim H..., Dave Sommers, Todd Schmidt, Travis Gilbert, John Havenstein, Paul Weiler, Rhonda, Jim Brunner, John Cassida, Laura Soash, Travis and Aly Gilbert, Michaela and Mike Closson

Introductions/announcements Presentations

- Minutes and agenda from June meeting are approved.
- Community Potluck Picnic – Saturday 7/15/23 6:30 pm
- Meeting tonight is going to be regarding the community's questions for the sewer treatment project. Thank you to John, Evan and Greg for being at our meeting and available to answer additional questions from our community.
 - John Ellermann Director RCPW
 - Evan McMillan Assistant Director RCPW
 - Greg McKinley Riley County Commissioner

The UP community was asked to submit questions to the board since the June meeting regarding the sewer treatment project. Those questions were compiled and submitted in advance to Evan McMillan. Evan in turn answered the questions from the community prior to this meeting and those questions and answers were emailed out to the community. Those questions and answers are attached to these meeting minutes.

The three adjacent landowners to University Park were contacted and although verbally were interested they decided they are not interested in letting the County take core samples for a future lagoon. The county has identified two areas as possibilities for the lagoon site and both areas are on the golf course or adjacent to the burn pile.

Community additional questions (Riley County – RC answer is in parentheses):

How were the areas picked, how do they determine things like distance from ground water, active wells, bedrock issues, and funding, Additional questions regarding adjoining ground and can it be annexed and the size of the lagoon. (RC and SMH consultants are carefully reviewing the GIS maps for suitable locations in all areas. **Requirements for setbacks and groundwater clearance are set by KDHE.**)

One resident commented that the lagoon needs wind movement and wave action – the burn pile area wouldn't be windy enough in his opinion. (RC agreed the **other location would be better, pending soil study results.**) Difference between a discharge system (Randolph) – 5 acres and non discharge system (UP) ~ 8 acres includes land (**Non-discharging systems are typically larger**) Do we cause problems with possible funding if we don't have site and design ready, what are ballpark costs? (**Funding takes into account the preliminary stage of engineering of the projects, preliminary engineering of this project estimates it to cost approximately 2 million.**) Should we utilize the old pump stations for anything – will there be backup generators for the lagoon? Can we use the basin for an overflow? (**Old infrastructure outside of the treatment facility will remain in place. A backup generator for the main lift station is included in the project estimate, however no**

backup generators for other lift stations are included. This, and the old basin to act as overflow containment, will be looked into.)

One resident is in a quandary – he owns property in Lakeside and had enough property to build a septic but because he is too close to the public sewer he can't have a septic per RC. The new lagoon will support UP residents and 20% expansion for UP residents and doesn't include Lakeside. (He will meet separately with John E from the county to find a solution.)

There was a lot of frustration about the money UP residents spent on the previous system that was supposed to work for decades. (Existing facility is not equipped to handle the upcoming constituent limits) What was the reason Lakeside didn't get their sewer done. (RC answer – Covid/inflation drove prices to skyrocket and residents voted against the project).

Questions regarding what lots are buildable, how will people be charged. Can we make the lagoon bigger to be able to encompass more future residents. (John from RC said this is the plan, however we need to be cautious as to not oversize the lagoon too much, as this will bring about other issues.)

Evan from RC assured the community that this is his #1 priority

John from RC assured that everyone connected with a house now will have a future connection.

Evan assured the community that he will keep the communication open to the board so we can make sure the community is aware of each step.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.