

FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM OF DAYTON OHIO

NEXT EVENT: Summer Networking Event-July 26, 2019

June 25, 2019

Hosted by the City of West Carrollton

In attendance were:

Willis Serr (Centerville)	Norbert Klopsch (Oakwood)
J. Tim Gorman (Clayton)	Arlene Setzer (Vandalia)
Bill Lautar (Kettering)	Greg Merkle (Clayton)
Jeanette Marcus (Moraine)	Georgeann Godsey (Harrison Township)
Brad Townsend (West Carrollton)	Captain Perin (Montgomery County Sheriff Department)
Jack Jensen (Executive Director)	Mark Coleman (Harrison Township)
William Flaute (Riverside)	Jay Weiskircher (Mayors/Managers)
Richard Herbst (Vandalia)	

Brad welcomed everyone to West Carrollton. He indicated the City has torn the old Roberd's Plaza down. Across the street from our meeting location is the new Miami Valley Sand Volleyball development. It is a private investment. It will encompass about 8,000 sq. feet a full bar a restaurant. They expect to draw 350 to 500 people on a week night and 500 to 700 on a weekend. They have done this in Cincinnati and we are happy to be working with them.

Greg Merkle opened the meeting.

Everyone should have received a copy of the minutes.

The financial report was also sent out with two payments, one to Jack Jensen and one to the State for the audit.

New statistics came out today on the tornados indicating 1,180 were destroyed and 5,700 damaged with 1,000 severely damaged with Trotwood and Harrison Township suffering the majority of the damage. I have looked at some of the out reach that cities and churches did.

Jack requested we report on what we have been through, what we could do better.

Mark Coleman, Harrison Township's Services Superintendent, spoke about Harrison Township and what the Service Department was faced with that night. I have around 505 structures, 119 destroyed, 153 major damage, 155 minor damage. We received the call at about 11:30pm. We called all our crews and pulled on the first street about 12:00 that night. Normally we would clear a roadway, we soon realized that we were not able to pass and it became a more or less bull dozing of roads. The Sheriff's office and Fire Department could not pass and so we started blazing trails. Within 24 hours we had all but two roads passable. I counted approximately 343 roads of which we had to give attention to 174. Half of the entire Township was affected. There were no structural fires. We worked around the clock – we had no power to our garage and had to manually raise doors. We had men working with no place to eat. We went to the Township map on the wall and started marking it with pins to identify where a crew was working. As mutual aide showed up we were able to go to the map to identify where they should go.

I or any other could go to the map and identify where the next group should go. We supervise ten guys and found ourselves managing 100 people. As each crew showed up - Centerville commented that we were

efficient, with no one working on top of each other. We had people from out-of-town. The next question was “where do we take it”. We could not take each truck load to the south transfer station. The Director and I asked the Administrator who got permission to temporarily use Forest Park Plaza as a staging area. It became the site for the whole tornado. A central location for everyone to work more efficiently. We also had enough room to separate the green debris from the storm debris. The green debris is being chipped up while the construction debris is waiting to be transferred. You have roughly 4,600 tons or 28,000 cubic yards of waste. Upon the advice of the EPA we then closed the Storm Debris Site. We have about 120,000 yards of mulch.

Sinclair Park at Riverside and Shoup Mill – where Mike Schmidt played baseball. We had the Department of Natural Resources come to score some of the trees we had 410 trees with 100 over 200 years old. We estimate about 30 are savable.

I have been there nineteen years and never gone to assist anyone or had anything like this happen. The next morning – the first to show up was Washington Township. They have been with us through Monday of this week, bringing more equipment than we own. ODOT brought 22 trucks, the Champaign County engineer, Warren County, Hamilton County. We would be nowhere near where we are without these people. Thousands of volunteers and church groups.

What do the next couple months look like? We are still in clean-up. We have gotten to that point. The first couple weeks you would spend all day on one road – just wall to wall debris.

Captain Perin spoke with regard to the Sheriff’s response. Officers were at N. Main and Markey as well as on Benchwood as the Tornado moved through that area. Without being called – officers came in to assist. They began a house-to-house search for residents.

It was suggested that each community should consider passing a resolution for Mutual Aide for Services.

Each community reported their damages and response to the Tornado. Arlene Setzer reported that they utilized drones to assess the damage.

Jack thanked West Carrollton for hosting this evening.

The State Audit has been completed and is available. One suggestion was made – that deposits be made in a more timely manner (within three days of receipt).

There will be a First Suburbs Consortium Networking Event on July 26<sup>th</sup> in Huber Heights at the Rose. Jack will send out the invitation.

We were asked to approve \$606 being spent to sponsor an event for the NLC First Tier Suburbs meeting to be held in Huber Heights. A motion was made and seconded to do so.

The next meeting will be in September.

Tim Gorman made a motion, Bill Flaute seconded to adjourn.

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