



**Natural Features
Protection Review
Board
Minutes
April 22nd, 2025
Held at City Hall
Commission Chambers 4:00 p.m.**

A. Call to Order: Director Martin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members absent: Director Hollander and Director Bassett

1. Excuse Absent Board Members: The motion to excuse absent board members was made by Director Fuller and supported by Director Fredrickson, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Director Fuller, supported by Director Lettow, motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from March 25th, 2025, NFP Review Board Meeting made by Director Lettow supported by Director Fuller, passed unanimously.

D. General Citizen Comments

Raymond Gant – Long-time resident and wants to offer support of the stormwater restoration project at 433 Reed Avenue / Reed Court. Lives adjacent to the property.

E. Board Comments

No comments



F. New Business

It is recommended that the Natural Features Protection (NFP) Review Board approve a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant relief from the NFP Wetlands and Water Resources Standards to allow the installation of New Stormwater BMPs within the setbacks of Wetlands and Water Resources for the City of Kalamazoo Stormwater Project at 433 Reed Court. Currently in the Variance approval stage and will come back to the board when it is in the Site Plan stage.

Presentation from Tom Palumbo, City of Kalamazoo Civil Engineer, and Mark Kaiser. Kaiser Associates is the Consulting Designer/Environmental Scientist on Reed Court project. The project is on a Superfund site. It is focused restoration work at the 433 Reed Avenue/Court site which is a part of a larger Superfund site. The Applicant described / presented on:

- The Mechanical treatment device that filters trash and sediment from the water and releases the water back through the system.
- The two bioswales proposed , one will take the stormwater, and the other one will open to Portage Creek acting as an overflow through the center of the site.
- Proposed new habitat from restoration work. Applicant is working with Fish and Wildlife Service and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).
- Addition of Public Access at the southern extent of the site via a boardwalk and overlook.

The City of Kalamazoo will monitor the site, and when sediment builds up, they will come out with a Vactor truck and remove it. Many other sites are already being maintained with this process.

Some Trees will be removed and placed on-site; they will become part of the riparian habitat. There will be specific placement of new trees to enhance habitat opportunities. The project is Subject to City of Kalamazoo's Tree Committee evaluation and approval as well.

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Motion to approve by Director Fredrickson, supported by Director Lettow, passed unanimously.



Question?

Public Comments:

Unfinished Business

1. NFP Board Work Session discussion on a guide to improving NFP

Staff Reports and Update

None

Communications and Announcements

None

Adjourn Meeting

Director Martin adjourned the meeting at 5:04 pm