Union Township Trustees
Special Meeting
Stone Creek Storm Water Issues
October 5, 2026

The Union Township Trustees held a special meeting on October 6, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. to hear storm water issues of the residents of Stone Creek . Fiscal Officer Karen Nethers Roll Call showed the following trustees: Jeff Sharps, Roger Start and John Slater. Paula Greene, Township Administrator, and Dave Cable, Road Superintendent, were also present. Guest – Kristy Hawthorne, Executive Director, Licking County Soil and Water, Brandon Bush, Storm Water Specialist, Jay Brown, Beth & Mike Wait, Mark Powell, Jeremy Doran, Dan Fitzmaurice, Brittany Smith, and Bill McWilliams.

Mr. Sharps opened the meeting after roll call. Mr. Sharps asked the residents to briefly explain the storm water issues they are experiencing. Once the residents have explained their concerns. Representatives of Licking County Soil and Water will address the audience.

Jason Barfield 106 Blue Stone ~ increasing water due to storm water from the creek and had $20,000 damages to home from flood.

Beth Wait 151 Stone Creek ~ lives down grade from the Chantilly Addition floods in back yard to the front. County said to be removing trees.

Britany Smith 102 Yellow Stone ~ Has water in basement with two sump pumps running. Believe, the roadside ditch should be larger.

Megan Franta 118 Yellow Stone ~ Believes the filled-in pond on an adjacent property has increased stormwater runoff onto her property and slowed drainage.

Daniel Fitzmaurice 105 Blue Stone ~ Homes are million-dollar homes and Stone Creek does not have million-dollar roads.

Jermey Doran – HOA President ~ Fields calls and emails for residents regarding roads and stormwater. Feels roads are not adequate.

Heather Powell 114 Yellow Stone ~ Feels ditch needs graded and water runs faster than it used to.

Rose Edwards 104 Black Stone ~ Stormwater is draining into culvert that has been dug out twice and still not working.

Kristy Hawthorne, Director of Licking County Soil and Water, explained the agency's role in subdivision development. Stormwater Specialist Brandon Bush and reviewed county records related to Stone Creek and noted site visits were conducted and research into drainage concerns.

County Construction plans indicated homes on Yellow Stone were to be set farther back on the parcels than they were ultimately built. Driveway permits on Yellow Stone were not

obtained. If permits had been obtained the County Engineer would have reviewed the culvert sizing and elevation. The County Engineer's Office inspected the petition ditch and determined it was functioning as intended. Mr. Bush stated any stormwater issues related to the location of the homes he believes is a civil matter.

It was noted that additional impervious surfaces, including patios, parking areas, outbuildings, and swimming pools, can affect stormwater runoff.

Mr. Slater asked how home sites were selected and how water flow was determined. Ms. Hawthorne explained that hydrology and hydraulics (H&H) studies were required during the County's review process.

Discussion was held regarding the potential effects of a pond located on adjoining property that had been filled in, including possible impacts on stormwater runoff and drainage within the subdivision.

Mr. Start asked how building locations are verified to ensure construction complies with approved plans. Paula stated she was unfamiliar with the documents provided to buyers during the purchase process. In response to Mr. Start's inquiry about the builder affected by stormwater issues, a guest identified Monogram Homes. Ms. Hawthorne noted that Soil and Water is developing a plan to assist new homeowners with stormwater drainage concerns.

Discussion was held regarding the zoning permit process and stormwater runoff. Paula explained that stormwater drainage is not addressed through Township Zoning and was unaware of any township zoning authority that regulates it.

A member of the audience questioned whether the group should retain an Engineer to review the waterflow in the subdivision. The group plan to discuss this further on their own.

A question was raised regarding ownership and maintenance of the creek running through the Stone Creek subdivision. Ms. Hawthorne advised the water in Stone Creek belongs to the stated and that property owners are responsible for removing trees and maintaining the waterway. Soil and Water has a grant available to assist with debris removal from waterways to improve water flow.

Mr. Sharps stated that the meeting needed to be concluded so the regularly scheduled Township Trustees meeting could begin. He emphasized that the purpose of the meeting was to share information, identify the problems, and work collaboratively toward a resolution.

Mr. Start moved and Mr. Slater seconded to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Jeff Sharps — President

Roger Start — Vice President

John Slater — Trustee

Karen Nethers — Fiscal Office