

**Versailles Village Public Hearing
Held at EMS Facility**

December 22, 2021

Mayor Subler called the Public Hearing to order at 6:50 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Berger, Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, and Mr. Steinbrunner. Also, present were Village Administrator Busse, Fiscal Officer Ording, Assistant Village Administrator Francis, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Visitors in attendance included Jeff Borchers, Sara Alexander, and Ralph Gigandet.

Village Administrator Busse presented the Planning Commission's written recommendation regarding a Zoning Text Amendment to amend Section 600.16 – Detention Basin/Retention Pond Guidelines of the Village's Design Criteria. Administrator Busse informed the Council that the Planning Commission was recommending under Section A 6 adding the wording "the detention basin shall be free of trees, brush, woody growth, landscaping, accessory structures or gardens. Any such landscaping, accessory structures or prohibited growth shall be immediately removed from the detention area basin." He also stated that under Section C 2, the Planning Commission was recommending a proposed addition of "a drainage easement approved by the Village, shall be provided and filed with the County Recorder encompassing the entire detention area including any required basin and outlet area." Additionally, he stated that the Planning Commission was recommending the deletion of the current wording under Section D 2 and replacing the paragraph with "the Village will inspect all detention basins upon completion of construction. Detention basins will also be reinspected for compliance on an annual basis. If problems exist, the Village will forward a report describing these problems to the property owner. The property owner shall be given a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days, to correct the problem, weather permitting." Under Section D 3, the Planning Commission is recommending inserting the word "property" in front of the word owner, to clarify that it is the property owner that they are referring to.

Following the presentation, Jeff Borchers asked if the proposed regulations would be retroactive. Mr. Busse informed him that in his opinion the regulations would not be retroactive to existing detention areas unless the existing detention area needed to be modified to increase the capacity to accept newly developed areas. Mr. Busse asked Village Attorney Guillozet if he agreed that the regulation modifications would not be retroactive. Village Attorney Guillozet stated that he did agree it would not be retroactive.

Mr. Borchers continued to voice concerns about the existing detention area that serves the Château Subdivision. Mr. Borchers was concerned about brush and trees in the detention area dropping debris potentially clogging the detention area outlet. Mr. Busse informed Mr. Borchers that Village personnel are making every attempt to monitor the outlet of the detention pond and removed debris from the outlet whenever they encounter them. Mr. Borchers continued to voice concerns about the release rate from the detention pond being lower than the engineer's calculations due to debris potentially limiting the flow from the detention pond. Mr. Busse told Mr. Borchers that although he agrees that debris plugging the outlet will change to release rate on the detention pond, the discussion was purely theoretical because the actual restriction is not a constant and would be difficult to predict. Mr. Busse stressed to Mr. Borchers that if he becomes aware of a blockage to the outlet in the detention pond, he should call the Village immediately and Village employees would respond to clean the outlet.

Mr. Borchers voiced concerns under failing to maintain the detention pond area. Mr. Busse informed Mr. Borchers that the Village does not currently maintain any residential detention ponds and that they are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. Mr. Busse stated that the Village has no intention of changing this policy concerning maintenance of residential detention ponds at this time.

Mr. Busse informed Mr. Borchers that any future development in the Château Subdivision would require a complete review of storm water calculations prior to approval of the development. Mayor Subler told Mr. Borchers and Mrs. Alexander that the Village would notify them of any future Planning Commission meetings where the Château Subdivision future phases were on the agenda.

After much discussion it was determined that the proposed changes were acceptable to the Village Council, Mr. Borchers, and Mrs. Alexander. Legislation to adopt the proposed changes will be presented at a future Council meeting.

With no further discussion, Mr. Berger made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing with Mr. Steinbrunner seconding the motion. Vote: all yeas.

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer