



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Village Green, 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Tom Counts, Jim Hrivnak, Frank Bertone, Steve Lutz, Debra Miller, and Silas Bowers.

I. POND MAINTENANCE/AERATION

Silas Bowers informed the Committee that the City seeks to manage the health of ponds, such as those found in Meadowview Park and Village Green. He stated he refers to the Ohio State extension fact-sheet to help guide maintenance.

Jim Hrivnak stated that there are really two issues, one being the health of ponds and the second being the safety of residents and the risk that ponds can create.

Tom Counts inquired if aeration in ponds affect the fish population. Silas Bowers informed the Committee that Meadowview Park is aerated and is loaded with fish.

II. UTILITY AGGREGATION OVERVIEW

Scott Belcastro, Trebel Energy Consultants provided the Committee a brief review regarding utility aggregation. He stated that Ohio laws allow for communities such as cities to form aggregated buying groups on behalf of their residents. He stated that aggregation could be formed for the purchase of natural gas, electricity, or both. He commented that utility deregulation and aggregation was implemented in Ohio in 2001.

Mr. Belcastro stated that in order for a city to create an aggregation program, a referendum must be approved by a majority of voters. Council approves a resolution providing for the referendum question to appear on the election ballot.

The Committee thanked Mr. Belcastro for his attendance and commented that they would take such consideration under advisement.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.