

Storm Water Board
Public Meeting
January 25, 2011

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held their regular public meeting on January 25, 2011. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Those members present were: Greg Wornhoff, Chairman, Jerry Wilkening, Vice Chairman, and Walter Crissey. Greg Parker, Town Council Liaison, and Jennifer Montgomery, Recording Secretary, were also present.

I. Minutes:

Greg Wornhoff moved to accept the Minutes from the December 14, 2010 Special Public Meeting/Work Session. Jerry Wilkening seconded. Motion carried.

II. Public Comment: None

III. Written Communications: The Board received update newsletters from Waterlines and the office of Christopher Burke Engineering LTD.

IV. Old Business:

- A. 128th Place, north of Lake Shore Drive, drainage project. The Board has not yet heard back from the owner of the property in question. Greg Parker informed the Board that the whole subdivision, including the area in question, has been approved for reconstruction. Walter Crissey inquired if this property would be included, as the culvert is on private property. Greg Parker stated that the Town is going to have to get several easements for this project and this area will be included. Mr. Parker stated that the Redevelopment Authority is doing a lease back agreement to fund this project and that engineering has already begun. Walter Crissey stated that kids in the area were seen throwing firewood onto the ice at the end of the culvert. Greg Wornhoff suggested that a police officer and a Town representative visit the home and inform them that the firewood needs to be removed or the Town will remove it and bill the homeowner for the work.
- B. Robert Barney, 11508 W 131st Place, drainage concerns. Greg Wornhoff stated that Mr. Barney's issue has been resolved. However, Mr. Barney had also brought another issue to the Board's attention concerning gray water in the manhole upstream from Mr. Barney's residence. It was discussed that a letter needs to be sent as soon as possible to the household in question in order to gain access to the house to test the water and discharge. Walter Crissey stated concerns about the Town's liability to the issue and that it needs to be addressed and corrected.

V. New Business:

- A. Water's Edge Condominiums, 8125 Lake Shore Drive, drainage concerns. Representatives from Water's Edge, Carol Ramsay and Jack Davids, attended the meeting at the request of the Board. Jerry Wilkening and Greg Wornhoff explained to the representatives that the Board has erosion concerns around the area of the property's garages and inquired as to who owns that area, where responsibility lies, and how the Board and Water's Edge could work together to resolve the issue. Mr. Davids explained that they had a survey done before the garages were built, showing where their property line is. Jerry Wilkening explained that Tim Brown informed Carol Ramsay at the time the survey was done before the garages were built, that the property line lies where the telephone poles and the guard rail was installed. The guard rail was paid for and installed by the condo association and lies on the property line. Discussions occurred among the Board concerning possible solutions to the drainage issue. Greg Wornhoff informed Ms. Ramsay and Mr. Davids that the Board will look into possible solutions and discuss the issue with Public Works and that they will be updated with the progress of this issue.

VI. Other Business:

- A. Krystal Oaks pond. Walter Crissey stated that the only thing that needs to be done is making sure the bolt has been turned around to avoid any injuries.
- B. Washington Street, north of Lake Shore Drive, possible drainage project. No new information. The Board is still waiting to hear which CLEA project the American Legion has chosen.

C. Public Works projects.

1. Grading and swaling after significant precipitation events. Jerry Wilkening inquired about the condition Cline Avenue north of Lake Shore Drive to the Continental Divide. Walter Crissey stated he noticed during heavy precipitation that the water comes straight down the east side of Cline Avenue and continues across Lake Shore Drive toward the Chamber of Commerce rather than following the road around. Jerry Wilkening and Greg Wornhoff stated that there is no swale in that area. Greg Parker asked if a swale ever existed in that area. The Board stated that there was at one time, but it has been filled in over time. Discussions occurred that precipitation is supposed to run along the road, not across it and that a ditch is needed for the water to follow and that maintenance is needed to prevent it from filling back in. Greg Wornhoff stated he would bring the issue to Public Works as soon as the ground begins to thaw.

VII. Chairman's Comments: The Board brought Greg Parker up to date on the issue of delinquent utility customers and how to handle collecting fees that was discussed at the last Public Meeting. Greg Wornhoff stated that the Board wants a list of customers that are six (6) months or more behind on their utility bills. Greg Wornhoff informed Greg Parker of possible plans to collect these fees, including newspaper notification and/or taking legal action. Greg Parker stated that the Board needs to make sure that drainage fee calculations are correct before action is taken, but that the Board is in the right direction. The Board requested that the recording secretary contact Sandra Bucklew of Christopher Burke Engineering and request her presence at the next Storm Water Board Work Session in order to make sure the Town's calculations are correct. Walter Crissey stated that the catch basins at the 7000 area of 131st Place are not cut deep enough and that water is still coming back out onto the road. Greg Wornhoff stated that he would address the issue to Ed Robinson or James Cornett next time he spoke with them. Greg Wornhoff stated that the application deadline for Boards and Commissions is January 31, 2011 and recommended that until the Town Council made their appointments that no action be taken as far as electing a new Chairman and Vice Chairman.

VIII. Adjournment:

Greg Wornhoff moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m. Jerry Wilkening seconded. Motion to adjourn carried.

Greg Wornhoff, Chairman

Jerry Wilkening, Vice Chairman

Walter Crissey

Attest: _____
Recording Secretary