

**Storm Water Board
Public Meeting
March 22, 2011**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held their regular Public Meeting on March 22, 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. Ed Robinson, Public Works Director, and Jennifer Montgomery, Recording Secretary, were also present. Greg Parker, Town Council Liaison, was not present.

I. Minutes:

Walter Crissey made a motion to accept the Minutes of the February 22, 2011 Public Meeting. Jerry Wilkening seconded. Motion carried. Minutes from the March 8, 2011 Work Session were also handed out for review.

II. Public Comment: None.

III. Written Communication: The Board received a Consultant newsletter.

IV. New Business:

- A. Nomination of Board Officers. Walter Crissey made a motion to maintain the status quo. Jerry Wilkening seconded. Motion carried. Remove from agenda.
- B. Water's Edge Condominiums, 8125 Lake Shore Drive, drainage concerns. Ed Robinson indicated that the area was looked at and existing structures were inspected. Mr. Robinson said that the basin on the south side of Lake Shore Drive has at least a 36 inch line, if not bigger and that a smaller line comes off and heads east and eventually heads toward the lake. Ed Robinson indicated that there is also a large discharge pipe that was installed by the Cedar Lake Enhancement Association (CLEA) near the lake that comes out into the retaining wall system. This line was walked back to the area by the garages at the condos and found that this line runs underneath the garages and straight out to the lake. Jerry Wilkening inquired about installing slip liners in order to help clean out the drains. Ed Robinson said running water would have to be pumped into the lines in order for them to be effective. Ed Robinson also stated that they were not sure where the 12 inch line ran to or what it tied into. Mr. Robinson also stated concern about who is responsible for what because of what properties the lines are running under. Discussions occurred about the drainage easement under the condo garages and when it was installed. The Board discussed when the garages were built. Ed Robinson indicated that he was in the process of trying to find information regarding these issues. Jerry Wilkening inquired if the Board should contact Jack Davids and Carol Ramsay for help. The Recording Secretary will contact them to attend the next Public Meeting with any information, if available.
- C. 11400-11500 blocks of W 131st Place, drainage concerns. Completed. Remove from agenda.
- D. 128th Place, north of Lake Shore Drive, drainage project. Ed Robinson said he should have more information available at the next work session as this issue ties in with Water's Edge Condominiums.
- E. 127th Avenue and Cline Avenue; drainage concerns. Ed Robinson indicated that the grading and swaling issue is on Public Works' project list.
- F. Fairbanks at Krystal Oaks pond; possible building violations. Ed Robinson, Sandra Bucklew, Matt Lake, and Ian Nicolini had a meeting with the property owner. The owner is aware that he is in violation and that until the problem is corrected, he must remove the pipe that was installed.
- G. North side of 126th Avenue; drainage concerns. Ed Robinson indicated that this issue is also on Public Works' project list.

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- H. Potawatomi Park; maintenance of sediment pond; drainage pipe concerns. Ed Robinson indicated the pipe has been taken care of and that he will discuss maintenance of the sediment pond with Bob Gross about who is responsible.
- I. South side of 133rd Avenue, west of Robin's Nest; drainage concerns. Greg Wornhoff indicated that water running into the swamp is discolored. Mr. Wornhoff spoke with Jim Cornett and Ed Robinson and asked them to investigate the issue.

V. Other Business:

- A. Krystal Oaks Pond. Completed. Remove from agenda.
- B. Washington Street, north of Lake Shore Drive, possible drainage project. Jerry Wilkening spoke with Bob Gross of CLEA. Mr. Gross indicated that they may readdress the issue after American Legion holds their elections. Ed Robinson said he will investigate the silt fence issue to see if the Legion has corrected that issue.
- C. Public Works projects.
 - 1. Grading and swaling on road edges during spring season. Ed Robinson said there is nothing Public Works can do until the weather gets a little better and growing season begins.
- D. Delinquent Storm Water Drainage fees. The Recording Secretary indicated that delinquency notices have been sent out and there has been a positive response. The Board will be updated each meeting.
- E. Jerry Wilkening inquired about the status and/or decision that had been made regarding drainage fee concerns at 10515 W 129th Avenue, property of John and Jeanne Austgen. Greg Wornhoff requested that the Board secretary find out the status of this matter and report back for the next meeting.

VI. Final Public Comment: None.

VII. Board Comments:

- A. Jerry Wilkening inquired about bike paths and sidewalks and how communities get funding for them and who those funds go to. Greg Wornhoff and Walter Crissey indicated that grants would have to be applied for. Greg Wornhoff said he would bring the issue to the Park Board for more information.
- B. Jerry Wilkening also inquired about ditch maintenance and who is responsible for keeping ditches clean. Greg Wornhoff and Ed Robinson indicated an ordinance had been passed stating that property owners are responsible for keeping ditches clean that are on their respective properties, but that this ordinance will not take effect until the Town does an initial cleaning routine on said ditches.
- C. Greg Wornhoff stated that he and Ed Robinson had talked about figuring out a budget in order to hire more employees for Public Works. Greg Wornhoff suggested that because much of Public Works' extra work is from the Storm Water Board, that the Board go to the Town Council for permission to use Board funds to help pay for an additional employee. Ed Robinson indicated that three (3) full-time and six (6) part-time employees will be hired for summer.
- D. Walter Crissey inquired about the status of the vac truck. Ed Robinson indicated that the Town Council approved the specs for the new truck. A Pre-bid meeting will be held April 1, 2011 and Bid Opening will be April 11, 2011. The bid award will be given at the April 19, 2011 Town Council meeting.

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- E. Walter Crissey requested that Ed Robinson provide the Board with the 2011 Public Works project list. Ed Robinson said he will forward the list to the Board as soon as possible.

VIII. Adjournment:

The Public Meeting ended at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Greg Wornhoff, Chairman

Jerry Wilkening, Vice Chairman

Walter Crissey

Attest: _____
Recording Secretary