

**Storm Water Board  
Work Session  
April 12, 2011**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held their regular Work Session on April 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. Those members present were: Greg Wornhoff, Chairman, Jerry Wilkening, Vice Chairman, and Walter Crissey. Ed Robinson, Public Works Director, Greg Parker, Town Council Liaison and Jennifer Montgomery, Recording Secretary, were also present.

**I. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the March 22, 2011 Public Meeting were passed out for vote at the next Public Meeting.

**II. Public Comment:**

- Daryl Kennedy, 7008 W 149<sup>th</sup> Ave, Crown Point; Mr. Kennedy advised the Board that the Army Corps of Engineers approached him several years ago and they agreed that the Army Corps could come onto his property to trench Cedar Creek, which runs through Mr. Kennedy's property, as needed and that he signed an easement agreement with them. Mr. Kennedy also stated that there are two drains that run through his property, which serve as the drains that exit out of Cedar Lake. Mr. Kennedy said that he had approached previous Town Manager Joan Boyer years ago, who dismissed his concerns and was unwilling to help. Mr. Kennedy has maintained and made improvements to the sediment ponds and creek on his property, even though the Army Corps is supposed to be responsible. Mr. Kennedy stated that he is petitioning that his storm water fees be waived because of his maintenance and because of his agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers. Discussions occurred about how much Mr. Kennedy should be charged for drainage or if he should be charged at all because of the circumstances. Ed Robinson stated he would meet with the Town's engineer about calculations and charges and have more information for the next meeting.
- Gary Alexander of American Legion, 13050 Washington Street; Mr. Alexander stated that Cedar Lake Enhancement Association has approached the Legion with multiple project proposals, all of which the Legion has turned down due to the amount of property which CLEA wanted to use. Mr. Alexander also stated that they have received a citation for lack of silt fence. Mr. Alexander stated he had questions about implementation of the silt fence and elevation issues. The Board explained the use of the culverts and what grade would have to be applied. Discussions occurred and the Board stated they would look into drainage calculations for the property to see if they are correct.

**III. Written Communication:** The Board received correspondence from Town Engineer Sandra Bucklew regarding information on how drainage fees are derived and basic information about impervious surfaces. Jerry Wilkening also received correspondence from Town Administrator Ian Nicolini regarding the drainage fee concerns and the petition the homeowners filed for the property located at 10515 W 129<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Nicolini stated that it was not a reduction in fees that was given to the homeowners, but a correction because the Town had been overcharging the fees for that property.

**IV. New Business:**

- A. Water's Edge Condominiums, 8125 Lake Shore Drive, drainage concerns. Ed Robinson indicated that a company had been hired to clean the lines from Foster and 128<sup>th</sup> Place, behind Schane's Bar to the basin north of Lake Shore Drive, across the street and down to the lake front. Mr. Robinson also stated that an update should be ready by the next meeting regarding same. Jerry Wilkening stated he had spoken with

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CLEA president Bob Gross, who indicated that the company responsible for the retaining wall and that they will be out to repair it. Mr. Gross also stated that they may be able to help fund a project to help correct the drainage concerns at this location.

- B. 128<sup>th</sup> Place, north of Lake Shore Drive, drainage project. To be combined with item A.
- C. 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Cline Avenue; drainage concerns. Ed Robinson indicated that the grading and swaling issue is on Public Works' project list. Ed Robinson stated that Public Works will start at the hill going back north of 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A culvert will need to be put in across 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue to keep the water from running across the road and get the other culverts back open in the area and replace them as needed.
- D. Fairbanks at Krystal Oaks pond; possible building violations. Completed. To be removed at next Public Meeting.
- E. North side of 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue; drainage concerns. Completed. To be removed at next Public Meeting.
- F. Potawatomi Park; maintenance of sediment pond; drainage pipe concerns. Ed Robinson indicated he attempted to contact Bob Gross of CLEA, and has not yet heard back from him.
- G. South side of 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, west of Robin's Nest; drainage concerns. Ed Robinson stated that he checked the area and that there is a washout at the south end of Lemon Lake Estates and that there is no splash system installed in the storm sewer easement. Mr. Robinson also stated that concrete will be put once it dries up a little in to help prevent dirt from being washed out.

**V. Other Business:**

- A. Washington Street, north of Lake Shore Drive, possible drainage project. See Public Comment. Ed Robinson stated that he has heard nothing about the runoff coming from Smith Concrete. Discussions occurred that this matter may be being handled by the State.
- B. Public Works projects.
  - 1. Grading and swaling on road edges during spring season. Ed Robinson stated some projects are on hold because of the multiple projects that Public Works has recently been working on.
- C. Delinquent Storm Water Drainage fees. The recording secretary indicated that the Utility Department is continuing to see positive response from the delinquency notices and that there has been an increase in delinquent payments.
- D. 10515 W 129<sup>th</sup> Avenue; drainage fee concerns. Discussed in Written Correspondence. To be removed at next Public Meeting.
- E. Edison Avenue, drainage concerns. Walter Crissey inquired about the status of solving drainage issues on Edison Avenue. Ed Robinson indicated they have to wait until the asphalt plants to reopen before they can begin any work on the area.

**VI. Final Public Comment:** Jack Marsh asked about when the ditch on 129<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be cleaned out. The Board indicated that someone will be out to look at the area and keep an eye on what happens.

**VII. Board Comments:**

- A. Ed Robinson indicated that the Town received an award from the Indiana Lakes Management Society for Outstanding Implementation Project Award 2010 "for promoting and encouraging the understanding and comprehensive management of

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lakes and reservoirs and their watershed ecosystems,” in regard to the Cedar Lake Town Club drainage project.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

The Work Session ended at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary