

**Storm Water Board  
Public Meeting  
April 26, 2011**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held their regular Public Meeting on April 26, 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, 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 March 22, 2011 Public Meeting. Jerry Wilkening seconded. Motion carried.

**II. Public Comment:**

- A. Anthony Putzbach, 7316 W 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; drainage concerns. Mr. Putzbach stated to the Board that he is having issues with water running onto his property. He stated that it comes out of the woods, across the road, and onto his property, causing it to flood his yard. Mr. Putzbach also stated that there are multiple culverts near his property, but none of them are collecting water, but rather the water is running over the street and onto his property. Greg Wornhoff stated he is familiar with the area and the problems with it. Mr. Wornhoff also told Mr. Putzbach that the Town would be able to replace the collapsed culverts, but they cannot provide the material, as they are on private property. The Board indicated to Mr. Putzbach that Public Works will go out in the next week and inspect the area to determine what needs to be done to correct the issues. If the culverts on private properties are damaged or need to be replaced, those homeowners will receive letters stating they need to have them fixed. Once the area has been inspected, Greg Wornhoff will contact Mr. Putzbach to discuss what was found.
- B. Jennifer Wilson, 8337 W 128<sup>th</sup> Place; drainage concerns. Ms. Wilson stated that Cedar Lake Enhancement Association had done some work by her property in 2010. She stated that CLEA put in a swale on the west side of Wrightwood Avenue. Ms. Wilson stated that after the winter season and all the snow plowing, that the swale is now damaged and water is no longer running through her culvert and down the ditch, but through her yard. The Board indicated to Ms. Wilson that a project is already in place to correct the drainage and streets in the entire neighborhood for 2011. Ms. Wilson also inquired about how long silt fences are supposed to be kept up and if it is allowed to remove them. She stated that the area between Havenwood and the Town Garage has some silt fence up that is full and who is responsible for taking care of it. The Board stated it is not allowed to move them if it is not on one's own property, and that they will look into whose property the area in question belongs to.

**III. Written Communication:**

Sandra Bucklew of Christopher Burke Engineering sent an email to the Board's recording secretary regarding the property located at 7008 W 149<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Ms. Burke indicated that the homeowner was eligible for a Direct Discharge Credit of one (1) ERU, and that she would be accompanying Greg Wornhoff in the next week to inspect the property more thoroughly to see if he is eligible for any more credits.

**IV. New Business:**

- A. Daryl Kennedy; 7008 W 149<sup>th</sup> Ave; drainage fee concerns. See Written Communication.
- B. Fairbanks at Krystal Oaks pond; possible building violations. Completed. Remove from agenda.
- C. North side of 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue; drainage concerns. Completed. Remove from agenda.
- D. Potawatomi Park; responsibility of maintenance of sediment pond. No new information.
- E. South side of 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, west of Robin's Nest; drainage concerns. Jim Cornett indicated that Public Works went to the location and put broken up concrete in the pipe to prevent more washout. Jerry Wilkening inquired about the location near the tennis courts in Lemon Lake Park. Jim Cornett indicated they looked at the area, and it seems someone is doing something, but they are not sure what is being done.

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**V. Other Business:**

- A. Washington Street, north of Lake Shore Drive; possible drainage project. Walter Crissey indicated that Gary Alexander from the American Legion contacted Bob Gross of Cedar Lake Enhancement Association and said the American Legion is going to go forward with one of CLEA's proposals. The American Legion is going to appoint a committee to choose one of the proposed projects, which is scheduled to happen within the next week. Mr. Crissey also stated that the Legion inquired about donation of the mini excavator for use on the project and "cash and match" to help with funding for the project. The Board discussed these issues and decided that they would have to be taken up with Town Administrator Ian Nicolini. Jerry Wilkening inquired about what to do about fining the Legion in regard to their violation for no silt fence. Aside from accepting a project, the Legion still hasn't corrected this violation. The Board discussed how to proceed and Jim Cornett stated that Matt Lake would have to come out to issue a fine to the Legion.
- B. Public Works Projects
  - 1. Grading and swaling during spring season. Public Works is still waiting for the weather to improve so they can proceed with projects. Jim Cornett informed the Board that Public Works is getting quotes for drainage issues at 13530 Morse St., and that they are going to have to install a six (6) inch pipe to go across the road and install another basin across the street to help correct the drainage problem.
- C. Delinquent storm water drainage fees. The Utility Department is still seeing a positive response from the delinquency letters. The Board requested an updated spreadsheet of the delinquent customers.
- D. 10515 W 129<sup>th</sup> Avenue; drainage fee concerns. Completed, remove from agenda.
- E. Edison Avenue; drainage concerns. No new information.
- F. Water's Edge Condominiums, 8125 Lake Shore Drive; drainage concerns. Discussions occurred about ideas about what to do about the side of the road by the condos and lake, including possible sidewalks. The Board agreed to ask Sandra Bucklew of Christopher Burke Engineering for more ideas about the area.
- G. 128<sup>th</sup> Place, north of Lake Shore Drive; drainage project. Falls under same project as Water's Edge Condominiums.
- H. 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Cline Avenue; drainage concerns. Jim Cornett reiterated the plans for this area. The culvert must be installed under the road at 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue and a swale will be put in as well.

**VI. Final Public Comment:**

- A. Jennifer Wilson suggested that the Board look into getting a liaison from Cedar Lake Enhancement Association in order to be more up to date on what each other is doing as far as projects in the Town are concerned. The Board informed Ms. Wilson that communication with CLEA is steady, and that less time and money is being spent due to this communication, but they are not sure that a liaison would be possible. Ms. Wilson also stated that she thinks sidewalks around Water's Edge Condominiums are a good idea, and maybe lights could also be installed near the condos. Ms. Wilson also stated that she has ponds in her yard and that she wants her drainage fees reduced as well. The Board informed Ms. Wilson that she would have to come to the Town Hall and fill out a credit application, as well as get an engineer to assess her property and figure out the calculations to see if she is eligible.

**VII. Board Comments:**

Jerry Wilkening stated that the Board needs to make sure to check with Sandra Bucklew and CLEA to see if they have any ideas as to what to do with the area around Water's Edge Communications.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

The Public Meeting ended at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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Greg Wornhoff, Chairman

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Jerry Wilkening, Vice Chairman

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Walter Crissey

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Recording Secretary