

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

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held their regular Work Session on July 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Jerry Wilkening, Vice Chairman, and Walter Crissey. James Cornett, Public Works Director, and Jennifer Montgomery, Recording Secretary, were also present. Greg Wornhoff, Chairman, and Greg Parker, Town Council Liaison, were not present at tonight's meeting.

- I. **Minutes:** Minutes from the May 24, 2011 Public Meeting were given out for vote at the next Public Meeting.
- II. **Public Comment:**
 - Steve Naughton, 9310 W 143rd Place, also on behalf of Walter Singleton, was present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Naughton expressed the same concerns that Mr. Singleton has expressed at previous meetings. The Board stated that they are not sure if the Town Engineer has found time to get to the site to examine the current problems. Mr. Naughton also stated concerns about the construction of the new middle school and the effect it is having on Parrish Fields and the surrounding neighborhood regarding drainage issues. Jerry Wilkening stated that the Board Chairman has gone to the middle school site to investigate and found that the restrictors had been removed. Mr. Wilkening stated that the restrictors are supposed to have been put back in, but was not sure if it had been done yet. Mr. Wilkening also stated that if the ditch along Parrish would be maintained and crops were not being planted in it, it might help reduce the drainage issues Parrish Fields is experiencing. Mr. Naughton stated that Walter Singleton had dug through the cattails in the retention pond to investigate the pipe, which he found to appear to be plugged up. Discussion occurred regarding the various issues in the area and who the builders were for the neighborhood.
- III. **Written Communication:**
 - MS4 Assessments from Matt Lake of Christopher B. Burke Engineering
 - Storm Water fund report
 - Sample letter of utility delinquent notices
- IV. **New Business:**
 - A. Sandy Brownfield, 11396 W 133rd Lane; drainage concerns. The Board has not heard any information from the Town Engineer or Board Chairman. Jim Cornett stated he visited the site and that the restrictor by the pond by McDonald's goes down to a four (4) inch pipe. Jerry Wilkening stated he is not sure that the pond is the size it used to be. Jim Cornett stated that the Town Engineer looked at the design, and that it was designed with the four (4) inch restrictor pipe. Jerry Wilkening stated he would like to see a print of the design. The Board agreed that more investigation needs to be done to figure out where the root of the problem is and find a solution.
 - B. Hanna Celorio, 9408 W 143rd Lane & Ronald Irvine, 9409 W 143rd Place; Jerry Wilkening stated that he is not sure that the trees in Mr. Irvine's yard are entirely to blame for the drainage problems at 9408 W 143rd Lane, and that it seems that there may be a grading problem on the Celorio property. Mr. Wilkening stated he cannot be sure of this, though, as he has not had an opportunity to walk the property himself. Walter Crissey stated concerns about holding Mr. Irvine liable for the trees which were planted in the easement, as the trees were there when he purchased the home. Jerry Wilkening stated Mr. Irvine still must maintain the trees in the easement. The Board discussed whether or not the easement is considered a waterway. Jim Cornett stated that it is an easement, and that it was, at one time, a swale. The Board discussed going out to the site again to investigate further, and that obtaining the civil plans for the neighborhood may be helpful.
 - C. Walter Singleton, 9400 block of W 143rd Place; drainage concerns. See Public Comment.
 - D. Jennifer Filar, 14734 Dewey Street; drainage concerns. Jim Cornett stated that Town Administrator Ian Nicolini called Ms. Filar and informed her that she needs to replace her culvert pipe. Once Ms. Filar purchases the pipe, the Town will install it for her. Nothing has been heard since. Walter Crissey inquired how difficult it would be to reestablish the swale at the property. Jim Cornett stated that it would be more plausible to install the culvert. The Board discussed questions concerning new houses being built around the property. It was agreed that there was no elevation change when the new home behind Ms. Filar was built. Jerry Wilkening inquired if any kind of testing could be done to find out how long the standing water issue has been present at Ms. Filar's residence. It seems that water has always tended to shed in Ms. Filar's direction. Discussion occurred regarding getting too involved in issues on private property. Jerry Wilkening stated that a line needs to be drawn when it comes to private property. Mr. Wilkening also stated that there is not much the Storm Water Board or the Town can do if the homeowner is not going to follow their recommendations.

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V. Other Business:

- A. Anthony Putzbach, 7316 W 142nd Avenue; drainage concerns. Ongoing.
- B. American Legion Washington Street/CLEA; drainage project. No new information. Discussion occurred regarding when the project is going to start. Jim Cornett inquired if the pipe will be replaced under Lake Shore Drive. Walter Crissey stated that Ed Robinson had stated that it would be, but Mr. Crissey was not sure if it is. Walter Crissey stated he will try to obtain a copy of the plans for the next meeting.
- C. Public Works projects.
 - 1. Grading and swaling during significant precipitation. Jim Cornett stated that the grader is ready to go, but the crews are busy chip sealing the roads right now.
 - 2. Potawatomi Park; responsibility of maintenance of sediment pond. Jim Cornett stated he is trying to get with Matt Lake to find out exactly what they want to do with the park.
- D. Delinquent Storm Water drainage fees. Delinquent notices were mailed out to customers July 12, 2011. The recording secretary stated that the delinquent notices include all utility delinquencies, not just storm water delinquencies.
- E. Edison Avenue and 131st Avenue, drainage concerns. No new information.
- F. Water's Edge Condominiums, 8125 Lake Shore Drive and 128th Place, north of Lake Shore Drive; drainage project. In progress. Engineers are still working details out with the contractors to come up with best design plan.
- G. 127th Avenue and Cline Avenue; drainage concerns. No new information.
- H. South side of 133rd Avenue, west of Robin's Nest; drainage concerns. No new information.

VI. Final Public Comment: None.

VII. Board Comment:

- Winding Creek Estates 2: Walter Crissey stated discussion occurred regarding who is responsible for the maintenance of the retention pond. Public Works employees did go to the site and do some work, which Mr. Crissey stated to them to track their hours. From Mr. Crissey's understanding, the Rule 5 Permit is expired, and that it is the responsibility of the developer to maintain the area. Jim Cornett stated he would find out if the Town has taken over the neighborhood or not. If that is the case, the Town would be responsible for maintenance.
- Jerry Wilkening stated that he would like to know exactly what is going on at the middle school. Mr. Wilkening stated concerns about IDEM getting involved and creating more issues.
- Jerry Wilkening inquired if anyone is going to get out to Parrish Fields to investigate. Jim Cornett stated that Public Works tried to televise the line, but there is a lot of stone in the line, which will need to be jetted out. Mr. Cornett also stated that with his equipment, his access/ability is limited.
- Jim Cornett discussed various projects that Public Works is getting to, as well as drainage problems that are going to be corrected.

VIII. Adjournment: The Work Session ended at approximately 8:06 p.m.

Attest: _____
Recording Secretary