

**Storm Water Board
Public Meeting
August 23, 2011**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held their regular Public Meeting on August 23, 2011. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. Members present were: Jerry Wilkening, Vice Chairman, and Walter Crissey. James Cornett of Public Works, Jenn Montgomery, Recording Secretary, and Greg Parker, Town Council Liaison were also present. Greg Wornhoff, Chairman, was not present at tonight's meeting.

- I. **Minutes:** Motion to accept the Minutes from the July 26, 2011 Public Meeting was made by Walter Crissey. Jerry Wilkening seconded. Motion carried. Minutes from the August 9, 2011 Work Session were handed out for review.
- II. **Public Comment:**
 - Lisa [inaudible] of 7421 W 140th Place was present at tonight's meeting. Lisa stated there seems to be a sinkhole in her backyard. Lisa stated at the hole's deepest point is thigh level. Lisa stated that before she tries to make any changes to the property, she wants to make sure that the issue is not on Town property. The Board confirmed that the area in question is not Town property. Discussion occurred regarding where the storm pipe in the yard leads to, to which no one knew the answer. The Board suggested that someone come out and look at the property to get a better idea of what is going on.
 - Steve and Margerite Schulze of 7328 W 136th Court were present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Schulze was speaking on behalf of his mother tonight. Mr. Schulze stated that they are having an issue with drainage coming onto his mother's property from the neighbors. Jerry Wilkening stated that the Board will look into the situation and current state and local ordinances and try to come up with some sort of solution.
- III. **Written Communication:**
 - Memo from Don Oliphant of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. regarding drainage concerns at 14727 Reeder Court
 - Email from Don Oliphant of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. regarding the Henn's Addition detention basin.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - A. Valley Acres, 14700-14800 blocks of Reeder Court, drainage concerns. Beverly Mahns of 14711 Reeder Road was present at tonight's meeting. Ms. Mahns stating that the drainage issues in the area are coming from her property. Ms. Mahns stated that since the Town did roadwork in the area that her property has experienced several drainage issues. The road was repaved and elevated and a ditch was put in along Ms. Mahns' property, as well as drainage tiles installed on 147th Avenue. Ms. Mahns said the drainage tiles do no good as water cannot run uphill. Jerry Wilkening asked Jim Cornett if this information is accurate. Mr. Cornett replied that the work that was done is what the property owners had requested. Joseph Ponziano of 14727 Reeder Court was also present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Ponziano showed the Board a topography of the area. Discussion occurred regarding ditches and swales, and if and where they are located. Mr. Ponziano explained to the Board that he will be installing a swale in his rear yard. Jerry Wilkening stated that the Board will have the Town Engineer examine the entire area and make recommendations to solve the issues discussed. Walter Crissey suggested that nothing be done in the area until the Town Engineer evaluates the entire area to make sure one thing doesn't correct or damage another thing. Greg Parker stated he would bring this recommendation to the Town Council for approval. Joe Ponziano inquired if he should cut a swale on his property since the Board suggested that the Engineer look at the entire area. Jerry Wilkening asked Mr. Ponziano what the Board of Zoning Appeals directed him to do. The Board of Zoning Appeals stated that his Petition was approved contingent upon drainage issues being corrected per Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
 - B. 142nd Avenue and Lauerman Street; drainage concerns. Jim Cornett that after work done at the area, the drainage has been fine. Remove from agenda.
 - C. Parrish Fields; drainage concerns. No new information.
 - D. Maintenance of Sleepy Hollow Ditch. No new information.
 - E. Jennifer Filar, 14734 Dewey Street; drainage concerns. No new information.
- V. **Other Business:**
 - A. Sandy Brownfield, 11396 W 133rd Lane; drainage concerns. No new information.
 - B. American Legion/CLEA, Washington Street; drainage project. No new information.
 - C. Public Works Projects.
 1. Grading and swaling during significant precipitation. Jim Cornett stated that Public Works is currently working on drainage concerns at the former Grilled Onion on Morse St. Once this project is complete, Public Works will attempt to get out to work near 127th and Cline Avenues.

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2. Potawatomi Park; responsibility of maintenance of sediment pond. No new information.
- D. Delinquent Storm Water drainage fees. No new information.
- 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. Greg Parker stated he will find out what areas will be corrected, but that many of the issues in the area should be corrected during the project.
- G. 127th Avenue and Cline Avenue; drainage concerns. Jim Cornett stated that a swale will be put in before winter.
- H. South side of 133rd Avenue, west of Robin's Nest; drainage monitoring. No new information.

VI. Final Public Comment: None.

VII. Board Comment:

- Walter Crissey brought issues to the Board's attention regarding 14110 Morse Street. Bob Sehnert came to Mr. Crissey stating drainage concerns at the property. Discussion occurred regarding discharge and whether or not it is allowed to discharge all the way to property lines, and whether or not that rule falls under local or state law. Mr. Sehnert informed Mr. Crissey that the neighbor is building up the land in front of the house, causing more drainage to flow to his yard. Mr. Sehnert also stated that there is a drain at the rear of the neighbor's yard that is not being utilized. Jim Cornett stated that there may not be much the neighbor can do to avoid draining to the property, as there is such a slope from the neighbor's house to 14110 Morse. If the code enforcement officer can't find anything in the Town's ordinance, then the Board will have the Town Engineer look at the property for possible solutions.

VIII. Adjournment:

The Public Meeting ended at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Greg Wornhoff, Chairman

Jerry Wilkening, Vice Chairman

Walter Crissey

Attest: _____
Recording Secretary