

**Storm Water Board
Public Meeting
December 27, 2011**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held its regular Public Meeting on December 27, 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 of Public Works, and Jenn Montgomery, Recording Secretary, were also present. Greg Wornhoff, Chairman, and Greg Parker, Town Liaison, were not present at tonight's meeting.

- I. **Minutes:** Motion to approve the Minutes from the October 25, 2011 and November 22, 2011 Public Meetings made by Walter Crissey. Seconded by Jerry Wilkening. Motion carried.
- II. **Public Comment:**
 - Beverly Mahns of 14711 Reeder Road stated that she has been bringing her complaints to the Town of Cedar Lake for over two (2) years regarding drainage concerns at her property. Ms. Mahns stated that she has not seen any results regarding these complaints. Ms. Mahns stated that the road work that was previously done around her property has caused the flooding in her yard. Town Engineer Mark Kaiser provided a letter to the Board stating that the elevations were not affected by this work, and that this is not what is causing the flooding. Discussion occurred whether the Town or County is responsible for the maintenance of the area of Reeder Road and 147th Avenue. Jim Cornett stated that Cedar Lake Public Works has both excavated and dug out the ditch around Ms. Mahns property to help alleviate the drainage issues. The Board reviewed the topography of the area with the residents present and Public Works Director Jim Cornett. The Board stated that they would have the Town Engineer take a look at the area and make a recommendation.
 - Jeff Pawlak of 14719 Reeder Court was also present tonight with the same concerns.
- III. **Written Communication:** Letter from Town Engineer Mark Kaiser of Christopher B. Burke Engineering.
- IV. **Other Business:**
 - A. American Legion/CLEA, Washington Street; drainage project. This project will not take place until 2012.
 - B. Public Works Projects.
 1. Grading and swaling maintenance. Jim Cornett stated that Public Works gets out and does work when they have the opportunity.
 2. Potawatomi Park; responsibility of maintenance of sediment pond. No new information.
 - C. Delinquent Storm Water drainage fees. Liens have been issued to those property owners who have not paid their utility bills.
 - D. Edison Avenue and 131st Avenue; drainage concerns. No new information.
 - E. Water's Edge Condominiums, 8125 Lake Shore Drive, and 128th Place, north of Lake Shore Drive; drainage project. Jerry Wilkening asked if the big pipe that runs under the condominium garages will be taken care of. Jim Cornett stated it will be addressed this winter, weather permitting.
 - F. Parrish Fields; drainage concerns. Discussion occurred regarding the detention pond, and who owns it, and whether the Town will take it over.
- V. **Final Public Comment:**
 - Jennifer Wilson of 8337 W 128th Place was present tonight. Ms. Wilson stated that three (3) rains have occurred since her property was last looked at. A culvert has been

**Storm Water Board
Public Meeting
December 27, 2011
Page 2**

removed. Ms. Wilson stated that because the level of the road has been raised, the water has nowhere to go except in her yard. Ms. Wilson stated that the catch basin on Wrightwood is also overflowing. Ms. Wilson stated there was no water in the ditch or culvert for the majority of the day because all the water was in Ms. Wilson's yard and the property west of her. Also, Ms. Wilson stated that Town employees came out to put high water signs out, and did not bother to clean the pipe grate out. Ms. Wilson stated she cleaned it out herself. Ms. Wilson stated the flooding is worse now than it has ever been. Ms. Wilson that the Town has not made any changes to the issues she has brought attention to. Jim Cornett stated that he, the Town Engineer, Town Administrator, and an employee from Grimmer Construction have all been to the site to examine the problems in the area. Ms. Wilson stated that she was told that they will continue to monitor the situation. The Board stated they will contact the engineer about what can be done in the meantime.

VI. Board Comment:

- Jerry Wilkening thanked Public Works Director Jim Cornett and Recording Secretary Jenn Montgomery for the hard work and contributions they have put into the Board.
- Walter Crissey thanked the Town of Cedar Lake for the opportunity to be on the Storm Water Board and to be able to help the citizens of the Town. Mr. Crissey also thanked Jim Cornett and Jenn Montgomery for their contribution to the Board.

VII. Adjournment: The Public Meeting ended at approximately 7:38 p.m.

Greg Wornhoff, Chairman

Jerry Wilkening, Vice Chairman

Walter Crissey

Attest: _____
Jenn Montgomery, Recording Secretary