

**Storm Water Board  
Work Session  
February 14, 2012**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held its regular Work Session on February 14, 2012. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:09 p.m. Members present were: Glenn Sechen, Mike DeFrancesco, Vice Chairman, and Norm Stick, Chairman. Ian Nicolini, Town Administrator, James Cornett of Public Works, Jenn Montgomery, Recording Secretary, and Greg Parker of the Town Council were also present.

- I. **Minutes:** Minutes from the January 24, 2012 Public Meeting will be voted on at the next public meeting.
- II. **Public Comment:** None.
- III. **Written Communication:** Residents of Parrish Fields submitted a request for an update of the drainage concerns in their neighborhood and the status of the ditch that was supposed to have been dug along Parrish Avenue. Greg Parker stated that this is a project that is on the list for 2012, and that the Town will be addressing it as soon as possible. Discussion occurred regarding the issues with the detention pond and who the Stormwater Board can talk to. There are several issues with the area, including the fact that the ditch needs to be reestablished. Ian Nicolini explained that many improvements that need to be made are on the west side of Parrish Avenue, which is not incorporated into the Town of Cedar Lake, but that the Town still has right-of-way in the area. The Board discussed speaking with Chuck Hawkinson, who lives near and is familiar with the property in question. Mr. Hawkinson may also know where the issues are and may be able to fix them.
- IV. **New Business:**
  - A. Kennedy, 8618 W 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; drainage concerns. Mr. Kennedy was not present at tonight's meeting, but had stated concerns of a neighbor draining his sump pump onto his property, which is causing his garage to flood. Norm Stick stated he visited the property and found a sump pump that is draining toward the home. The home is directly behind Mr. Kennedy at 8701 W 131<sup>st</sup> Lane and the sump pump is discharging out the south end of the property onto Mr. Kennedy's property. Mr. Stick stated that the garage sits on the lowest part of the property and the sump pump isn't causing the flooding, but it is adding to the problem. Discussion occurred regarding what, if anything, the Board can do. Because this is a private property issue, the Board cannot do much. Ian Nicolini stated that the Board has no jurisdictional authority since it is a private property issue, but they can always facilitate meetings and/or give direction to homeowners. It was decided that a letter will be drafted to the homeowners, citing possible solutions to the problem. There isn't much more that the Board can do beyond giving direction.
- V. **Other Business:**
  - A. Public Works Projects.
    - 1. Grading and swaling maintenance. No new information.
    - 2. Potawatomi Park; responsibility of maintenance of sediment pond. No new information.
  - B. Oaks/Shades Road Project. No new information.
  - C. Parrish Fields; drainage concerns. See written communication.
  - D. Vicinity of Reeder Road and 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue; drainage concerns. Jim Cornett stated the culvert running across the street is not obstructed. A plug was installed at the homeowners' request. It seems that the water flow overtakes the culvert during heavy precipitation and the overflow runs onto the property. There has already been many

different grading and swaling projects that haven't seemed to help the situation. It was discussed that the ground slopes toward the Pawlik residence. There hasn't been sufficient precipitation yet to see if the plug has resolved the issues at hand.

**VI. Final Public Comment:** None.

**VII. Board Comment:** Ian Nicolini informed the Board that they will have an item at the next meeting concerning storm water fee reconsideration and that more information will be provided to them before the next meeting.

**VIII. Adjournment:** The Public Meeting ended at approximately 7:46 p.m.

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Norman Stick, Chairman

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Mike DeFrancesco, Vice-Chairman

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Glenn Sechen

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Attest: Jenn Montgomery, Recording Secretary