

**Storm Water Board  
Public Meeting  
June 26, 2012**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held its regular Public Meeting on June 26, 2012. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:02 p.m. Members present were: Glenn Sechen, Mike DeFrancesco, Vice Chairman, and Norm Stick, Chairman. James Cornett of Public Works, Mark Kaiser of Christopher B Burke Engineering, and Jenn Montgomery, Recording Secretary, were also present. Town Council President Randell Niemeyer was also present tonight.

- I. **Minutes:** Minutes from the May 22, 2012 and tonight's public meeting will be voted on at the next public meeting.
- II. **Public Comment: Sharon Pawlak** of 14719 Reeder Court stated that the plug that was installed in the culvert near her home is working great. Ms. Pawlak stated that after a rain event, there is still some standing water on her property, but that it has much improved since the culvert was plugged. Norm Stick asked if she has noticed any water coming across the road. Ms. Pawlak stated she has not noticed. **Randy Niemeyer**, Town Council President, stated that he is pleased with the way the Board is working. Mr. Niemeyer stated he would like to see the Board use the authority that they are provided, with only large scale projects coming to the Council due to financial reasons. Mr. Niemeyer stated he is happy with what the Board has done so far and encouraged them to use the resources they are provided with.
- III. **Written Communication:** None.
- IV. **New Business:**
  - A. Wicker Meadows Subdivision; drainage concerns. Mark Kaiser stated this subdivision was developed by Henn & Sons Construction. From what Mr. Kaiser could find, he stated that flooding issues began almost immediately after the subdivision was completed. A recommendation was issued to improve the drainage problems after a study was completed in 2005 by Christopher B Burke Engineering. A 36-42 inch pipe was recommended to be installed, but only a 24 inch pipe was installed when the work was done in 2008. These recommendations and work invoices were provided to the Board. Discussion occurred regarding what can be now to alleviate the issues in the subdivision. Jim Cornett stated he will monitor the next few rains in order to monitor where the stormwater is coming from and the direction it is going. Discussion occurred regarding whether or not a Homeowners' Association was ever formed, and, if so, was a maintenance stipulation included. Randy Niemeyer stated that a legal opinion might be needed since the detention pond is located on private property. Motion by Glenn Sechen and seconded by Mike DeFrancesco to put in a flow meter to monitor the flow of stormwater and to cut down the structure to match the holes and to put grating over to prevent entry into same. Motion carried unanimously.
  - B. Town Club; drainage concerns. Jim Cornett stated this project is complete. Remove from agenda.
  - C. Charles Stevens, 14129 Huseman; drainage concerns. After investigating the site, it looks like the structure was originally set by the original owner. There is a four (4) inch line that runs across the property and drains to the lake. This was verified by Public Works. Motion by Glenn Sechen and seconded by Mike DeFrancesco to send a letter of recommendation to Mr. Stevens stating that he should contact a contractor on his own as this matter falls on private property. Motion carried unanimously.
  - D. Christina Schreiber, 10733 W 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; drainage concerns. Mike DeFrancesco stated that he doesn't see how a drainage pipe can be installed on the property. Many of the drainage issues will probably be alleviated once 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is expanded. In the meantime, the owner of the property could install a better retaining wall to keep water from running into the building and run a ditch line. Or installing a speed bump could help keep the water from running to the building. Motion by Mike DeFrancesco and seconded by Glenn Sechen to send a letter to the property owner explaining this is a private property matter and the Town cannot do any work on private property. This letter should include suggestions to help alleviate the property's issues until 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is improved.
  - E. Cedar Lake Ministries, 13701 Lauerman, Lot 66; retaining wall installation. Complete. Remove from agenda.
- V. **Other Business:**
  - A. Jennifer Filar, 14734 Dewey Street; drainage concerns – South Shore Subdivision area. Jim Cornett stated either the Town or residents would have to purchase pipe in order to close the system. Norm Stick stated pipe would need to be connected to the new pipe and routed to the south. Motion by Glenn Sechen and seconded by Mike DeFrancesco

to make a recommendation that the old culverts need to be replaced with twelve (12) inch concrete pipe and make the whole connection solid. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Public Works Projects. Jim Cornett stated Public Works is currently working on the Stract & Van Til retention pond. They are about half way done with the work and should be complete in approximately two (2) weeks.

1. Grading and swaling maintenance.

- C. Oaks/Shades Road Project. Mark Kaiser stated that Grimmer Construction is currently working on their punch-list items and the project should be completed by the end of the week.

- D. Parrish Fields; drainage concerns. This item has been sent to the Town Council with a recommendation. Discussion occurred regarding the cost of obtaining material for a French Drain to be installed along Parrish Avenue. Discussion occurred regarding the idea of a French drain, in that the ditch be dug with a 24 inch bucket and then install a 12 inch drain and bury it with gravel, which would give the benefit of a bigger drain along the ditch. Norm Stick asked that Public Works call and have the utilities' locations marked.

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

**VII. Board Comment:** None.

**VIII. Adjournment:** The Public Meeting ended at approximately 8:12 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