

**Storm Water Board
Work Session
July 24, 2012**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held its regular work session on July 24, 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:** **Patty Hegyi** of 8911 W 142nd Place stated concerns regarding Sleepy Hollow Ditch, which runs along her property. Ms. Hegyi stated that because there is so much debris in the ditch, the water is unable to follow its natural flow and is becoming stagnant from standing. Ms. Hegyi stated concerns of flooding of homes in the area and health concerns, including the threat of disease-carrying mosquitoes.
Helen Lund of 7112 W 138th Avenue stated there have been ongoing stormwater issues on her street since 2008. Ms. Lund stated that flooding is coming from the ditch, which was closed up so a new home could be constructed across the street from her. Ms. Lund also stated that the flooding problems did not occur until the new home was built. There was a small pipe that was installed that was supposed to keep the area from flooding, but it is too small to accommodate the rainfall. Jack Slager stated that there is a substantial ditch that runs north to south and drains into approximately seventy (70) acres to the south. The ditch runs through several properties and no easements exist. Mr. Slager stated the ditch does not appear to be maintained in some areas. Work can be done within the right-of-way, culverts, etc., but the Town cannot do any work on private property without obtaining easements. Norm Stick stated he and the other members will assess the area before the next meeting.
- III. **Written Communication:** None.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - A. Wicker Meadows Subdivision; drainage concerns. Jim Cornett and Tom Stevens of Public Works visited the site with Norm Stick today. They went over to Illiana Storage, south of Wicker Meadows. There is a ditch that comes across from the storage units that has five (5) twenty-four (24) inch pipes. These pipes do not have any check valves, which should be required. Water enters from the south to the retention pond, and the Board stated that drainage may be spilling over the west end of the pond. The area that the water enters the pond is not being maintained. Because the culvert is blocked, water is not able to flow properly. The Board agreed to contact Christopher B Burke Engineering in order to check elevations in the area and to see if any as-built surveys were submitted for Illiana Storage.
 - 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 133rd 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 133rd 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 133rd 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.

Norman Stick, Chairman

Mike DeFrancesco, Vice-Chairman

Glenn Sechen

Attest: Jenn Montgomery, Recording Secretary