

**Storm Water Board
Public Meeting
July 31, 2012**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held its regular public meeting on July 31, 2012. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:59 p.m. Members present were: Glenn Sechen, Mike DeFrancesco, Vice Chairman, and Norm Stick, Chairman. James Cornett of Public Works, and Jenn Montgomery, Recording Secretary, were also present.

- I. **Minutes:** Glenn Sechen moved to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2012 and June 26, 2012 public meetings. Mike DeFrancesco seconded. After a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- II. **Public Comment:** None.
- III. **Written Communication:** None.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - A. Sleepy Hollow Ditch; maintenance. Jim Cornett stated that the Town cannot access the creek without going on private property. Without obtaining easements, the Town will not be able to do anything. Discussion occurred regarding whether or not cleaning out the creek will alleviate the flooding issues. Jim Cornett stated that it will definitely help, but the areas that need cleaning cannot be accessed without easements.
 - B. Helen Lund, 7112 W 138th Avenue; drainage concerns. Norm Stick asked if Ms. Lund owns a sump pump. Ms. Lund stated that she does not, but cannot afford to purchase one. Discussion occurred regarding the footing tile and whether or not it is flowing. Ms. Lund stated barely. It is possible that the tile may be plugged. Discussion occurred regarding the existence and/or need for an easement across the street. If one exists or is obtained, it may be possible to install a swale to help the flow of water. Unfortunately, because the issue of the flooding in Ms. Lund's basement is on private property and could be fixed with a sump pump, there isn't much the Board can do. However, the Board stated they will look into the pooling of drainage on the road. It is possible that if those issues are addressed, Ms. Lund's concerns may be alleviated as well.
- V. **Other Business:**
 - A. Wicker Meadows Subdivision; drainage concerns. Norm Stick stated that the outfall of the detention pond at the storage unit on the north side of the fence is open approximately five to ten (5-10) feet and then goes into a twenty-four (24) inch corrugated pipe. It looks like if drainage were to overrun that, that it could begin filling up the town storm sewer system. The detention pond's inlet has five (5) twenty-four (24) inch culverts. Discussion occurred regarding the pond and its inability to hold water. The pond does not have any check valves, but it seems they were originally proposed to have them in the plan set. Discussion occurred regarding whether or not the valves were required or not and whether or not the engineer might have this information. Elevations were taken of the pond; it appears that there is five inches (5") of fall from the inlet to the south end of the pond. Discussion occurred regarding a proposed development to the south of the area, which is also owned by Mr. John Boersma. The Board stated they would like to speak with the Town Engineer to make sure this development will not further affect the surrounding areas. At this time, the proposed development has been on hold, as Mr. Boersma hasn't been available. Drainage requirements will need to be followed and approved before the site plan will be approved by the Plan Commission. Discussion occurred about the connection of a drain tile from the south into the system in Wicker Meadows. After discussion with Town officials, this is not an illegal connection and is not affecting the issues in the area. Further discussion occurred regarding the detention pond and what needs to be done to alleviate issues in that area. The Board agreed to contact the engineers to look into these issues and possibly attend the next meeting.
 - B. Jennifer Filar, 14734 Dewey Street; drainage concerns. Jim Cornett stated that they are waiting for the gas lines to be lowered by NIPSCO and then the concrete pipe will be installed.
 - C. Public Works Projects.
 - 1. Jim Cornett stated that Public Works is currently catching up on necessary maintenance around town.
- VI. **Final Public Comment:** None.
- VII. **Board Comment:** None.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** The Public Meeting ended at approximately 8:14 p.m.

Norman Stick, Chairman

Mike DeFrancesco, Vice-Chairman

Glenn Sechen

Attest: Jenn Montgomery, Recording Secretary