



**Storm Water Board
Public Meeting and Work Session Meeting
Minutes
July 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

The Storm Water Board for the Town of Cedar Lake held a Public Meeting and Work Session on July 26, 2016. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Members present were Daniel Enright, Paul Steininger and Thomas Frick arrived at 7:05 p.m. Staff that was present: Don Oliphant, Engineer, Scott Hutchinson, Foreman, Public Works, Robert Carnahan, Town Council and Tammy Bilgri, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Daniel Enright and seconded by Paul Steininger to approve the June 28, 2016 Public Meeting and Work Session Minutes as presented.

Daniel Enright	Thomas Frick	Paul Steininger	Vote
Yes	Absent	Yes	2-0

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Shelia Davis, 14329 Risken Rd,. drainage issues-Scott Hutchinson stated they have put in some alleyways for that to run. Cleared the mound next to the fence.-**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**
- B. Brad Martin, 14137 Butternut St., drainage issues.-Don Oliphant stated previously discussed some alternatives for relieving Mr. Martin’s back yard. Were notified of an existing sanitary lateral that runs down the rear alleyway that runs down 141st Ct. and taps into the main there, did not even know it was there. That really affects alternative number one (1) because we were planning on putting the storm sewer along that alignment. Brad Martin asked if these options are too expensive, what about some type of swale and culvert under Butternut. Don Oliphant stated the problem with that is we need to get it to Sleepy Hollow Ditch and there is no direct route. It is an expensive project. Try to get it on the capital improvement plan. Discussion on different options and costs. A lot of utilities run out there. Not great options on this project. Daniel Enright asked how do we go about getting funding for something like this. Robert Carnahan stated we have two capital improvement projects going now, it would just get it on the list. Don Oliphant stated if it was locally funded the three obvious choices would be general fund, storm water fund, or waste water fund. Investigate sink hole on neighbor’s property. Don Oliphant stated it is very expensive for one low spot, if could tie it into a neighborhood project. Will sit down with town staff to see how to move forward.
- C. Brian Hughes, 9755 W. 135th Place (Utopia Subdivision), drainage issues with detention pond-Scott Hutchinson stated he is currently trying to reach out to a company to help alleviate all the over growth there. The town sprayed for mosquitoes. Don Oliphant stated we looked at the outlet for the Lincoln Plaza pond and alternatives to draining it to the southwest. It is draining according to plan. Brian Hughes stated after the last rain the water came up into their yard and it took three (3) days to drain. Never drains, so can’t maintain property and water keeps coming closer to his house. Don Oliphant stated this subdivision was designed in the 1970’s, it is pretty old, so it is likely before any storm water requirements. Scott Hutchinson stated concern if we put in a bigger pipe everybody downstream would get the water. Paul Steininger stated it appears as though this was all designed for this wetlands to be in there. What is happening now is what it was designed for. This is all private property, makes it difficult for us to maintain. Don Oliphant stated will try to get machine out there when it starts freezing over, possibly maintain once a year. Daniel Enright stated the more we develop the less place we have for this water to go, except into a lower spot. Unfortunately the lower spots are getting too much water. Don Oliphant stated this is a private drainage easement and would have to get everyone’s permission to mow it. Discussion about different options ensued. Paul Steininger stated he did not see us being able to financially go through the expense of something that is not public property. Discussion ensued about trying to get easements from surrounding property owners.
- D. Josh Strominski, 13700 Lauerman St.-Don Oliphant stated draft plans were sent out to Cedar Lake Ministries. Possibly adding more drainage and will adjust cost. Talked to Tim Kubiak and he is going to get quotes from contractors. Discussion on the proposal ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Muir Woods, Lots 5 & 6, Aaron Csikos, 13660 Muir St.-Don Oliphant stated this is southwest corner of the town. An old subdivision platted in 2004-05. This came about in Plan Commission, Monte Watt who is the original subdivider for this, wants to plat three (3) more lots. The southeast of the cul-de-sac is a detention basin for the subdivision and church. Problems with drainage between lots 5 and 6. The twelve (12) inch culvert is eroding away the outlet ditch to the feeder ravine. So deep can stand in it and not even be seen. Went out to look at it and there is a substantial design issue with

this. Mr. Goff and Mr. Csikos presented pictures and explained the water issues they are having. Don Oliphant stated he needs to change all grades within the subdivision to make it drain properly. Discussion ensued on different options to alleviate the problems.

A motion was made by Daniel Enright and seconded by Thomas Frick to write communication to the Plan Commission to defer this item until completion of drainage investigation.

Daniel Enright	Thomas Frick	Paul Steininger	Vote
Yes	Yes	Yes	3-0

B. Linda Hughes, 13602 Wicker Ave.-Don Oliphant stated this is similar to Mr. Csikos, a neighbor. A lot of water comes through this ravine. Also has sanitary issues. She has high flows on the water way that are getting close to her home and she is losing property as the banks erode. There are no easements, it is on private property. Discussion about amount of water that comes through the creek ensued.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS:

A. Upgrading curb drains on Ivy St. in Utopia

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Bill and Elaine Edwards, 10535 W. 129th Ave., -New house on Wildwood Street and the roof drain is within five (5) feet from property line and is flooding us out. Also has been told he is flushing out his water softener salt. Any town ordinance about how close you can put a roof drain to someone’s property. Scott Hutchinson stated it is ten (10) feet on that persons property before it enters any other place. Mr. Edwards also asked about easements. Don Oliphant and Scott Hutchinson will take a look at the property.
- B. Larry Berger, 6826 W. 128th Ln.-Has lived there for thirty (30) years and never had water issues till new house was built next door. Don Oliphant and Scott Hutchinson will look into it.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:23 p.m.

PRESS SESSION: None

Storm Water Board Public Meeting – August 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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