



**Storm Water Board  
Public Meeting and Work Session Meeting  
Minutes  
June 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm**

Call to Order: 6:31 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call:

Present Thomas Frick  
Present Ryan Lisek  
Present Daniel Enright

Present Donald Oliphant, Town Engineer – CBBEL  
Present Tom Stevens, Public Works  
Present\* Robert Carnahan, Town Council Liaison  
Present Tammy Bilgri, Recording Secretary

\*Robert Carnahan arrived at 6:37 p.m.  
Also present Jill Murr, Town Administrator

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Thomas Frick and seconded by Ryan Lisek to approve the May 28, 2019 Public Meeting Minutes as presented.

Thomas Frick	Ryan Lisek	Daniel Enright	Vote
Yes	Yes	Yes	3-0

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Barbara Peter-13437 Bluebird Ln.-Jill Murr stated legally we can ask them to remove fences and sheds. Recommends send out letters, coordinate the work to be done with Public Works. Can move this to a Public Works project and remove from the agenda. Waiting for dry weather to do any storm water projects. Ms. Murr also stated that several years ago Council approved several storm water contractors that we can enlist to help us out, when we have a multitude of projects to keep us caught up. This project does fall into this smaller price scope and it can be done without putting the project out to bid. Will provide an update. Don Oliphant stated it needs rear yard drainage, will probably install two (2) open basins and one (1) closed to get it north and to connect to the existing system. There is an existing easement, just a matter of accessing. **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**
- B. Melissa Donaldson-6540 W 129<sup>th</sup> Ave.-Don Oliphant stated have looked into this further, pretty confident this low lying area existed prior to the construction in Krystal Oaks to the north. So these parcels that are actually extensions of the fronting parcels on 129<sup>th</sup> in Lemon Lake for some properties on that street. We will core into our inlets on the Krystal Oaks back property lines, but we will not extend onto these properties. The existing inlets are within easements, we will provide a stub and core into the structure, but it is up to them to tie into it from their property. **REMOVE FROM AGENDA**

**UPDATE ITEMS:**

- A. Woods of Cedar Creek-Don Oliphant stated he provided a drawing to everyone that lays out some minor grading to hopefully get lots 4 & 5 to drain toward the thirty inch (30") pipe and culvert back there. Grading is not totally intrusive, maxes out between eight (8") and ten inches (10") from there pretty residual. Usually with doing just grading of land versus the pipe we need more area to tie in some of the grades, so the easement limits have changed. We have new easement limits and are preparing new easement documents to reflect those legal descriptions and those will need to be resigned by the four (4) property owners. Not sure on time line, hopefully the easement documents will be ready by next meeting. Jill Murr stated the previous easements will become null and void since we are no longer doing that project. Once documents are signed will move forward with the project. Daniel Enright stated we are moving forward, this is a slow process.
- B. Roger Almaguer, Jr-11033 W. 133<sup>rd</sup> Ln.-Tom Stevens stated the person to the south of them on Schneider, will have to reassess the ditch there and remove a block he may have created. Rocks in front of the culvert by his driveway and he dammed it up, will also need to clear past him to the south. This is all public right of way. Mr. Almaguer stated the main issue was actually the buried pipe before it even touches the culvert, will that be a culvert again. The water comes twenty ft. (20') into my yard. Tom Stevens stated we will need to put a culvert there, it had one in there at one time. Discussion ensued on if they would reestablish a culvert and add a ditch. Mr. Almaguer explained the water situation and what happens. Don Oliphant stated we will look into this further.
- C. 137th/Lauerman-Dan Enright stated he drove by there and he has some really pretty trees with swimming pools around them. Don Oliphant stated we did a plan a couple years ago that sat on the shelf due to money issues, unfortunately Cedar Lake Ministries has now paved that entire alignment heading east, do not think that is viable any longer. Have been looking into a north route that is similar length and heads up to a ditch that eventually makes its way to the lake. Heads up their north/south entrance road, also looking into an alternative heading west as well that goes into Winding Creek Unit 3 detention basin. Will need to get a survey to figure out how much grade we have to buck to do that one. Working on it.

Jill Murr stated the staff has started to have a meeting a week before the meeting date to get status updates on the projects. In case one of us cannot be at the meeting we can still have a report.

**PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS:** Tom Stevens stated working on small projects. A lot of basin repairs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Paul Zarris-14001 Fairbanks-whenver it rains the street is covered in water. Street is even underwater in the winter. It drains off next to the driveway and has a swimming pool along the road, the water has no place to go. Water sits on property next to mine, it takes days to get it off the street. Daniel Enright stated we can look at the problem and hopefully come up with a plan.

Jim Boender-14020 Sherman-built a new house last year and we have been flooding out the neighbor to the south. Mr. Boender stated the Town had him put in a drain from the south end of the house to the north, but it is not working. The water is not getting to the drain because the neighbor's lot is lower. Don Oliphant stated he has been out there and knew it was going to happen. Was not happy with the solution or the rear grading, but it got approved. Don Oliphant stated we communicated this to Mr.

Boender that they were not happy with how the back yard was graded. Mr. Boender questioned why he was required to submit a survey with the house plans. Don Oliphant stated every lot in an older subdivision needs to submit one because there are no approved plans for that subdivision. Mr. Boender stated he did not change any heights, might have a little hump in the backyard, but on the original survey it shows there is a low area on the neighbor. So am I supposed to correct his lot? Don Oliphant stated yes if you do not want any ponding. Knew this was not going to work well when Tim Kubiak and I looked at this. It was plain as day from the as built survey that there were going to be issues. Not dealing with a lot of fall from the south to the north, wants to go north, but the back yard has a mound in it. Mr. Boender stated it will not go north because the neighbor has a hump in their yard. Don Oliphant stated it is Indiana drainage law that if you can prove prior to any kind of development that your run off was flowing in one direction, you have right to keep flowing in that direction. Based on our evaluation of your as built and looking at prior things, water went that direction. Jill Murr stated just wanted to make sure everyone knew that Mr. Oliphant is our contracted engineer, he does not review plans for building permits. Questions may need to go to the Building Department. Dan Enright asked if the pictures Mr. Boender shared are on private property and if the lot was a catch all before he built. Mr. Boender stated yes to both. Don Oliphant stated he will review it with Tim Kubiak and the Building Department. Dan Enright stated this Board is not able to go on private property. Will need to look at to determine what can be done.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:18 p.m.

**PRESS SESSION:**

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Daniel Enright - Chairman

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Thomas Frick - Vice-Chairman

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Ryan Lisek - Member

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Tammy Bilgri, Recording Secretary

Storm Water Board Public Meeting – July 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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