



**Storm Water Board
Public Meeting and Work Session Meeting
Minutes
July 23, 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

MINUTES:

June 25, 2019

A motion was made by Tom Frick and seconded by Ryan Lisek to approve the June 25, 2019 minutes as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Gail Labella-14016 Sherman-Ms. Labella arrived late.
Pam & Mark Alltop-14022 Sherman St.-Mr. Alltop showed pictures of their side yard with the water standing in it after they built the new house. Have lived there for thirty-four (34) years and has never flooded until the house was built. The water goes over the well, up to the side of the garage and up to Sherman Street. When the lot was empty it would hold some water. Dan Enright and Robert Carnahan have been out to look at this property and are definitely aware of it. Don Oliphant stated the Building Department is handling this one. Jill Murr stated the Building Department is still looking into this. The Board suggested coming to next month's meeting for an update.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

UPDATE ITEMS:

- A. Woods of Cedar Creek-Jill Murr stated she spoke to our attorney at 5:30 p.m. this evening, the easements are drafted. Did reach out to the residents and let them know we should have the documents in the next few days. Once those are executed we can move forward with the project.
- B. Roger Almaguer, Jr-11033 W. 133rd Ln.-Tom Stevens stated we can move forward with reclaiming the ditch and culvert and taking some trees down.
- C. 137th/Lauerman-Don Oliphant stated we are looking into going north and west. Did run a level loop, do have numbers along the south side of 137th out to Winding Creek. We believe the north option is available with the cooperation of Cedar Lake Ministries. Approximately the same distance, as our east alternative. Should be a similar cost range. Will have a better

report and more alternatives by the next meeting. Don Oliphant gave a brief description of what the project would entail. Do have a survey and are working on alternatives. Discussion ensued on previous plan with the Conference Grounds.

- D. Bartlett Wahlberg Park-Robert Carnahan stated Tom Stevens is working on these. Tom Stevens stated this is mostly grader work. Would need to cut along the ditch. There is a swale in the asphalt that runs through and is trapping the water. Even if did ditch work there, will not accomplish a lot.
- E. 142nd/Morse-Tom Stevens stated this would be the same issue as above. Don Oliphant stated for these issues, some of these are due to pavement rutting and the dirt on the side. Hopefully if we do the HIP project in the next year, the pavement ruts will be gone. Robert Carnahan stated the street department did put drainage pipe near the AMVETS and ran it south, Tim said they need to do something where they left off. South of 134th. This should be 134th and Morse not 142nd.
- F. Washington St/American Legion-Tom Stevens stated this would be a quick grading job. Will take the dirt off the side of the road to get it to the ditch.
- G. Cedar Point Park-No concern here, remove from the agenda.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:

- A. Robert Duddy-12721 Cline-Unable to be at the meeting.
- B. Dana Wheeler-12805 Cline-Sent in pictures of the flooding, has had an issue since lived there for the last six (6) years. Recently has gotten worse, has three (3) ft. of water on property next to her house to the back of her property. Going to Mr. Duddy on the north, going onto property to the south and flooded to the center line of Cline Avenue. Actually had to pile sand pavers to get out of the house. Have tried adding soil. Nothing can get to the drain out front. Did have a blocked drain for a while. Don Oliphant stated there is a 2x4 grate in front of the house. It is 1.3' above her lowest front yard grade. Have some residual grades from the Oak Shades Project from 2011. A new system was installed to drain 128th, this part was outside the scope of the project. The grate was tied into the new system, it was essentially a twelve inch (12") pipe that went northeast along Cline Avenue and that was replaced with another twelve inch pipe. Her low spot in her yard is off the public right of way, will have to go out and verify where the right of way is. Discussion ensued on looking into possible solutions for the two properties.

Jill Murr stated there was one more item 14001 Fairbanks, reached out to him this afternoon. There was a previous storm water issue with this address. We are researching those old records and going to provide them to the property owner as part of a public records request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Adam Wornhoff, 13702 Parrish Avenue-Don, Jill, Tim, Tom and Neil have been out to my house. Raised the elevation of Parrish Avenue about five (5) years ago and since then my house has retained water. The first five (5) houses in Utopia sheet drain toward my property, used to sheet drain toward Parrish. The elevation of Parrish Avenue was changed by eighteen inches (18") and then extended driveway and now the water does not get to the ditch in the front of the house. Keep being told it is being handled. There was talk of putting a French drain to the north property line, one hundred percent (100%) against. Due to maintains the neighbor to the norths yard and with a French drain would have to go all the way

around the block to cut her grass. Mr. Wornhoff stated Jill has pictures. My basement is gutted and the insurance company will not do anything until the drainage is fixed. Council members Ralph, Randy and Greg have also been out to look. Was also supposed to have a fence put in along the sidewalk because of a four ft. (4') drop off. Don Oliphant stated did get the plans from Neil and unless they deviated something in the field the height of Parrish was lowered a tenth of a foot. The existing tie in was just past the intersection, so if they raised that you would have a speed bump. So believes the grade is right. Mr. Wornhoff states the neighbor to the east retains water as well. Don Oliphant stated we are still looking into this. Pretty sure the road is equal to existing and the driveway would have been extended to put a culvert in.

Gail Labella, 14016 Sherman-Lives on the other side of the new build where Alltop's live. Ms. Labella brought pictures to show the Board of the flooding. Stated the downspouts are pointed to her property. The last heavy rain burned up her sump pump after having water in the crawl space. Has cut down a tree because it was sitting in water and was afraid it would come up and injure someone. Robert Carnahan stated she should come back next month after seeing what the building department can do.

William Plantinga, 7000 W. 140th Ave.-Spoke with Mr. Carnahan and he suggested I come to this meeting. Has a problem with mulch piles that were dropped. Mr. Plantinga showed the Board pictures he had brought. Stated a former neighbor brought in three (3) truck loads of mulch. Edison is at a slight decline there, when it rains it comes down Edison comes to the mulch pile and veers to the left, comes back into the garage and into the backyard. No issues before the mulch was dumped. Robert Carnahan stated this is an unimproved street where this is dumped. Spoke with Tim Kubiak and he is going to try to have it removed. Discussion ensued on the property owners and who would be responsible. The Board recommends grading the road.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:27 p.m.

PRESS SESSION:

Daniel Enright - Chairman

Thomas Frick - Vice-Chairman

Ryan Lisek - Member

Tammy Bilgri, Recording Secretary

Storm Water Board Public Meeting – August 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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