

Minutes
Lowell Stormwater Management Board
Thursday, November 14, 2013
Regular Meeting

I. Call to order: Matt Lake called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken: Edward Corns present, Matt Lake present

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ed Corns made a motion to approve minutes from October 3, 2013. Motion was seconded by Matt Lake, Carried 2-0

V. Old Business

Powell Ditch Report:

Public Works Director Greg Shook presented a brief status report on the Powell Ditch Project:

- Due to budgetary constraints, no construction/reconstruction/cleaning activities will be commencing on the North/South leg of the ditch.
- The East/West section is going to be widened a little bit, but not to the 20' width originally planned.
- Original rip-rap stabilization on the banks is now being questioned by the DNR and alternatives, including natural stabilization practices are being considered.
- General maintenance including possible beaver re-location is recognized and being planned.
- A 42" outlet into Cedar Creek has been approved by the Lake County Drainage Board
- A mitigation plan may be required by the DNR in order to proceed. Greg stated that a mitigation plan has already been created and needs to be further discussed and presented for approval. Matt Lake requested a copy of the mitigation plan.
- The current dual 24" outlets into Cedar Creek are the biggest problem as they are pitch backward into the Powell Ditch, replacement of those pipes will solve a large part of the problems.
- Fence around sanitary pipe inside the pit connecting the 24" outlets need to be replaced.
- Proposal to replace pit, outlet pipes and sanitary crossing.
- All work is on hold until DNR permits are in place.
- Funding for the Powell Ditch Project is set aside in the Cum Sewer fund.
- Matt Lake Requested a synopsis of the next meeting with SEH

VI. New Business

Stormwater Budget Report Stormwater

- Greg White verbally presented a rough estimate of approximately \$150,000 collected in the Stormwater Fund, and also mentioned that very few expenditures are being made out of the fund in an effort to let the fund build for the first year of its existence.

- Matt Lake requested that the Stormwater budget create a fund to deposit Grant Funds into when the time comes.
- The reliance of Stormwater on Public Works funding was discussed for activities such as street cleaning and catch basin cleaning and other overlaps in responsibilities.

Stormwater - Coordinator MCM Report

- Greg White, Stormwater Coordinator presented a report of the work that The Town of Lowell Stormwater Department is tasked with. The report was organized by the 6 Minimum Control Measures required to organize reporting and filing information to IDEM.

Cemetery Ditch

- A discussion concerning maintenance of cemetery ditch was held.
 - Erosion along the ditch
 - Maintenance responsibility
 - Easements – existing and proposed
- A request was made to begin of looking at potential easements along cemetery ditch.

Cemetery Ditch

- A letter was requested to the To the Town Council from the Stormwater Board on the first of the Year to discontinue maintenance of private ponds/property.

NISWAG

- Matt Lake presented A report on NISWAG activities and IDEM rule changes and activities.
 - Rule 13 changes to reporting and requirements
 - Possible combination of Rules 5,6, 13
 - Greg White reported that he is participating actively in IGIC Legislative Committee

Stormwater Board Meeting Schedule

- 2014 Stormwater Board Meeting Schedule was presented to the board
- Matt Lake motioned to approve schedule, seconded by Edgar Corns – Carried 2-0

VII. Public Comment

There were no audience members in attendance for public comment

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Edward Corns at 7:46 P.M. Seconded by Matt Lake. Carried 2-0

Matt Lake, President

Tom Cartwright, Secretary
