

MINUTES

Stormwater Board Meeting

Thursday, June 2, 2016

5:30 PM

- **Call to Order**
 - Matt Lake called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**
 - President Matt Lake, Vice-President Tom Cartwright and Secretary David Shilling were all present. Town Councilman Edgar Corns, Town Manager Jeff Sheridan, and MS4 Coordinator Greg White were also present
- **Approval of Minutes**
 - David Shilling made a motion to accept the March 23rd, 2016 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Tom Cartwright. Passed 3-0
- **Old Business**
 - **2016 Budget**

Matt Lake reviewed the revenues from the budget report and sewer improvement fund. He commented that being conservative with our funds was appropriate because of our fee structure. He asked for additional comments and there were none.
 - **Underground Boring at 175th and Burr Street**

Greg White reported that the project at 175th and Burr Street had been completed and is in working order. The only work that needed to be done was some final landscaping and sidewalk replacement which will happen when there are enough sites around town to justify the project.
 - **McConnell Ditch at 171st Ave**

Greg White reported a proposal from SEH engineering for engineering on the project for \$34,192. Greg White asked for a recommendation to the Town Council to proceed with the engineering portion of the project. Matt Lake questioned the permit and whether it would fall under a nationwide permit or an individual permit. Greg White commented that the project is a small culvert on a back road, but the area that is being impacted is very wet and swampy. Matt Lake and David Shilling discussed that the engineering portion of the project should roughly be about 10 percent of the total project cost. Matt Lake commented that the costs for the proposal seemed high and that at 10 percent the total project cost would be \$340,000 which seems excessive for a culvert replacement. The members of the board asked to shop the project around to make sure that the town was getting the most competitive price for the project. Greg White was tasked to work with the Town Manager to request more proposals for the project. David Shilling asked to have



someone explore the necessity of the wetland delineation. The board asked for a proposal from Structurepoint since they are already engineering the ditch cleaning for the County Drainage Board in the exact area that this project is proposed. Project was tabled pending additional proposals

- **Spring Run Ditch Lateral 13**

Greg White presented correspondence from the Lake County Drainage Board which included information concerning the name of the Ditch. Long known as SR Lat 13 the actual name of the ditch is the Griesel Ditch Lateral 14 and should be referred to into the future as such. Greg reported that the ditch is now officially a Regulated Drain and therefore subject to Lake County Drainage Board Maintenance regulations. Greg White brought Town Manager Jeff Sheridan up to speed on the ongoing project. Matt Lake recommended that we should identify all of our ditches should be labeled with signage for communication purposes.

- **Heritage Falls Subdivision**

Greg White presented an update on the situation in Heritage Falls subdivision where drainage from the adjoining agricultural property was redirected through a large berm and swale and redirected north to a Stormwater detention pond. He reported that in constructing the project that two separate, previously undetected drain tiles were located and identified as major contributors to the ongoing problem. Those tiles were sealed. Greg reported that the subdivision is expanded in the future, new Stormwater plans and SWPPP will have to be developed to make sure that the water continues to be controlled properly, but in the meantime the measures that have been currently taken are working properly and preventing damaging water from encroaching on the property of concern, Lot 94.

Greg White reported that lots 75, 85 and 87 which were lacking all Stormwater PPP measures. He reported that the contractor was making himself inaccessible for the Town and The Courts. He reported that after putting a stop work order, the contractor became accessible and agreed to put all measure in place and move or maintain all of the soil stockpiles. More discussion followed about future development and developers for the subdivision.

- **New Business**

- **Lake County SWCD 2016 Contract for MCM 1&2**

Matt Lake presented our relationship with the LCSWCD for the past four years and the successes our program has achieved working with them. District Administrator, Julie Duttlinger was on hand to present a short annual status report for the district and its work across the region. She presented a description of how the educator works within the school systems and Lake County Fair to educate student and residents on Stormwater.

- **GIS Updates**

Greg White reported that data collection for the summer has commenced and that he has doubled his crew to a team of 2 interns this year. He stated that he has tasked the team with spending 4 weeks collecting storm sewers before they move on to beginning

sanitary sewer collection. Greg did an explanation between Mapping grade GPS and Survey grade GPS and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

- **NISWAG Updates**

Matt Lake presented a brief overview of what NISWAG is and what it does. He explained some of his goals within NISWAG including the consolidation of Part C's of local stormwater permits. He commented on the booth at the MS4 Annual meeting and the interaction with the 400 attendees at that meeting. He explained how different communities host each month and highlight their successes and challenges with Stormwater with the community.

- **Public Comment**

Matt Lake commented on recent events in Merrillville about several drownings, deaths and other situations in the Stormwater detention ponds within the community. He talked about the importance of safety information surrounding those ponds. He mentioned that they are reaching out to local POAs Industrial Parks and apartment complexes to prevent children from playing around detention ponds. He asked to begin considering the same kind of outreach in Lowell. Greg White recommended that we should do a piece on pond safety in the quarterly Town newsletter

Matt talked about recycled HDPE pipe from a vendor in Merrillville and that they are looking into incorporating that into their inventory. He talked about the possibility of partnering with Solid Waste District on a program for the implementation of recycled pipe. He mentioned that East Jordan is offering recycled riser rings. He mentioned that the longevity of the products is better than that of concrete, Greg White mentioned that most of our standards are based on INDOT standards. Matt said that there are cost sharing opportunities with the Lake County Solid Waste District.

- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Matt Lake at 5:55 P.M. Seconded by Dave Shilling.
Carried 3-0

Matt Lake, President

David Shilling, Secretary

Date: Thursday, August 4, 2016

